Interpretable Machine Learning

Shapley Shapley Values





Learning goals

- Learn cooperative games and value functions
- Define the marginal contribution of a player
- Study Shapley value as a fair payout solution
- Compare order and set definitions

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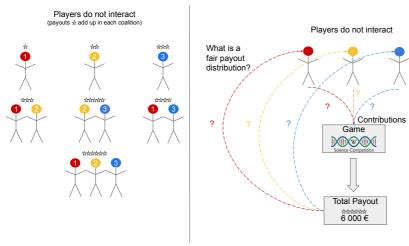
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- Challenge: Players vary in their contrib. & how they influence each other
- **Goal:** Distribute v(P) among players by considering player interactions \rightsquigarrow Assign each player $j \in P$ a fair share ϕ_i (**Shapley value**)

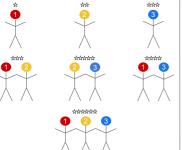




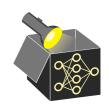


Question: What are individual marginal contributions and what's a fair payout?

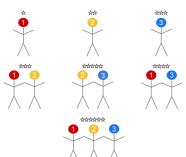
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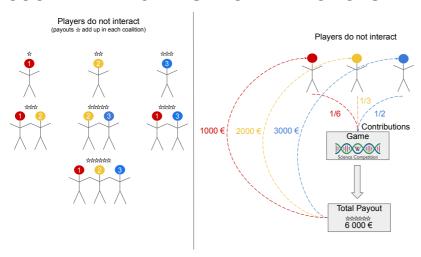
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- No interactions: Each player contrib.s same fixed value to each coalition
 - → Player 1 always adds 1000, 2 adds 2000, and 3 adds 3000
 - \rightsquigarrow Marginal contributions are constant across all coalitions S
- Conclusion: Fair payout = average marginal contribution across all S
 - \rightsquigarrow Total value v(P) = 6000 splits proportionally by individual contribs:

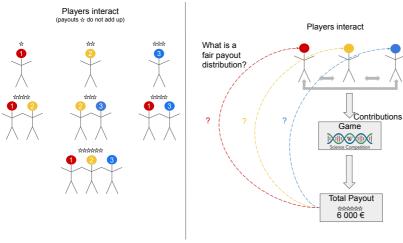
$$\mathbf{0} = \frac{1}{6}, \quad \mathbf{2} = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \mathbf{3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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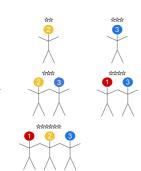


 \Rightarrow Fair payouts are trivial without interactions



⇒ Unclear how to fairly distribute payouts when players interact

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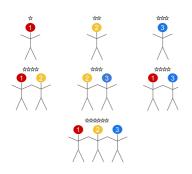


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- With interactions: Players contribute differently depending on coalition
 → Marginal contribs vary across coalitions S (e.g. overlap, synergy)
 - Averaging over subsets does not recover total payout $\nu(D)$
- ullet Averaging over subsets does not recover total payout v(P)
 - \leadsto unfair payout distribution
 - \rightarrow avg. contrib. **1** = 1750 **2** = 1750 **3** = 2250 don't sum to v(P) = 6000
- Value a player adds depends on joining order, not just who's in coalition
 - → Shapley values fairly average over all possible joining orders





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2 joins: total = 3 %, marginal = 0

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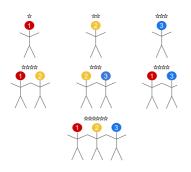
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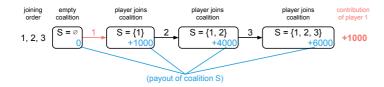
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- Order sensitivity: A player's marginal contribution depends on when they join S
- Shapley value: Averages each player's contribution over all possible join orders
 - → Resolves redundancy (e.g., ③'s contribution/skill overlaps with ②'s)
 - → Accounts for order sensitivity (e.g.,
 brings more value if added last)
 - → Ensures fairness (order of joining gives no advantage/disadvantage)

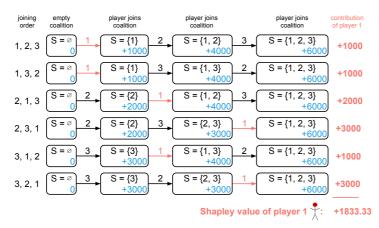


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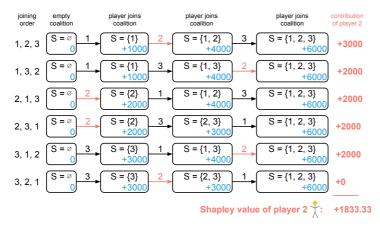


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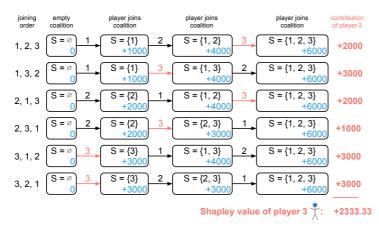


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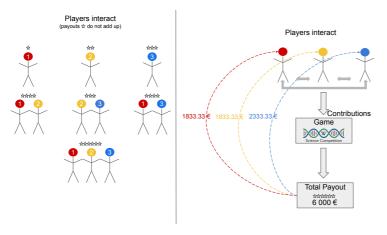


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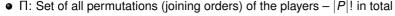
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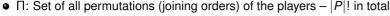
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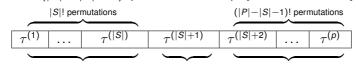
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- Order definition allows to approximate Shapley values by sampling permutations
 - \rightsquigarrow Sample a fixed $M \ll |P|!$ random permutations and average:

$$\phi_j pprox rac{1}{M} \sum_{ au \in \Pi_{tr}} \left(v(S_j^ au \cup \{j\}) - v(S_j^ au)
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where $\Pi_M \subset \Pi$ is the random sample of M player orderings



- **Note:** The same subset S_j^{τ} can occur in multiple permutations \leadsto Its marginal contribution is included multiple times in the sum in ϕ_j
- Example Π (for players $P = \{ \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{3} \}$, player of interest $j = \mathbf{3} \}$:
 - $\{ (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{3}), (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}), (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{3}), (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{3}, \mathbf{0}), (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{2}), (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{0}) \}$
 - \rightarrow In (0, 2, 3) and (2, 0, 3), player 3 joins after coal. $S_j^{\tau} = \{0, 2\}$ \Rightarrow Marginal contribution $v(\{0, 2, 3\}) v(\{0, 2\})$ occurs twice in ϕ_i
- **Reason:** Each subset *S* appears in |S|!(|P|-|S|-1)! orderings before
 - *j* joins \Rightarrow There are |S|! possible orders of players within coalition S
 - \Rightarrow There are (|P| |S| 1)! possible orders of players without S and i

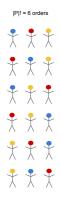


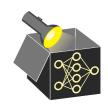
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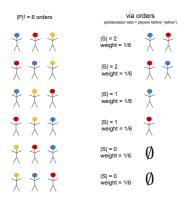
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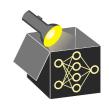




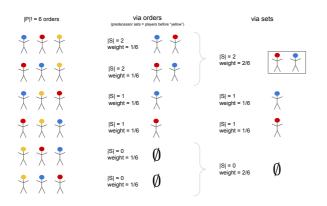


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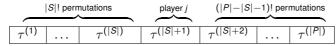


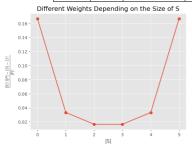
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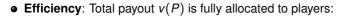




- |S| = 0: player *j* joins first \Rightarrow many permutations \Rightarrow high weight
- |S| = |P| 1: player j joins last \Rightarrow many permutations \Rightarrow high weight
- Middle-sized |S|: fewer exact matches \Rightarrow lower weight
- Result: U-shaped weight distribution



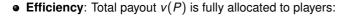
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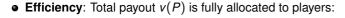
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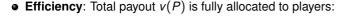
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• Additivity: For two separate games with value functions v_1 , v_2 , define a combined game with $v(S) = v_1(S) + v_2(S)$ for all $S \subseteq P$. Then:

$$\phi_{j,v_1+v_2} = \phi_{j,v_1} + \phi_{j,v_2}$$

→ Payout of combined game = payout of the two separate games

