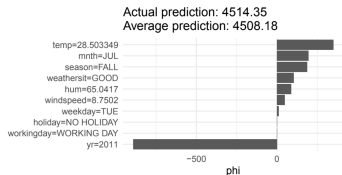
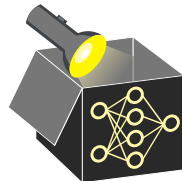


# Interpretable Machine Learning

## Shapley

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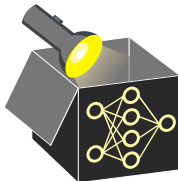
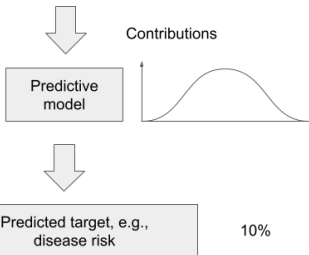


### Learning goals

- See model predictions as a cooperative game
- Transfer the Shapley value concept from game theory to machine learning

# FROM GAME THEORY TO MACHINE LEARNING

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- How to fairly assign credit to features?  
⇒ Shapley values

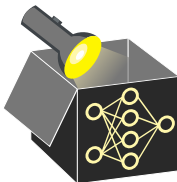


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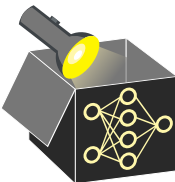
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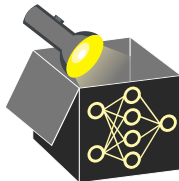
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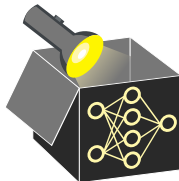
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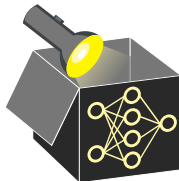
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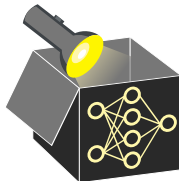
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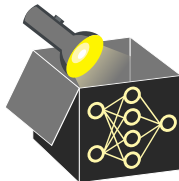
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~> Higher cost, but better fidelity to the exact value

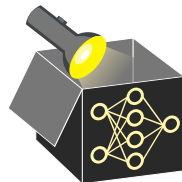


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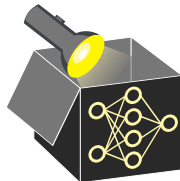


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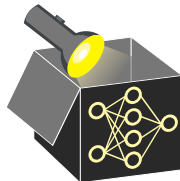


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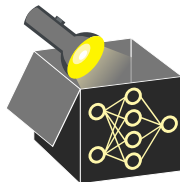


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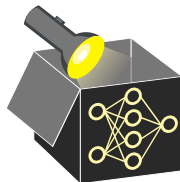


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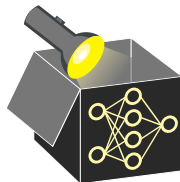


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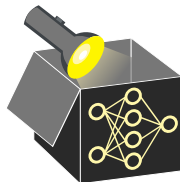
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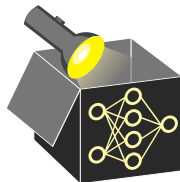
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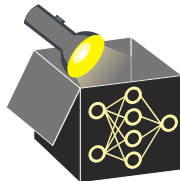




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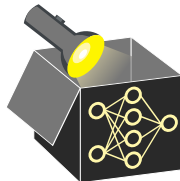
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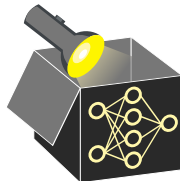
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# SHAPLEY VALUE APPROX. - ILLUSTRATION

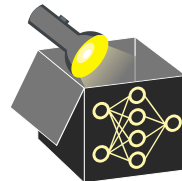
## Definition

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$\mathbf{x}$  with feature values in  $\mathbf{x}_{S_m}$  (other are replaced)

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	Temperature	Humidity	Windspeed	Year
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$\mathbf{x}_{+j}$	10.66	56	$random : z_{windspeed}^{(m)}$	2012
$\mathbf{x}_{-j}$	10.66	56	$random : z_{windspeed}^{(m)}$	$random : z_{year}^{(m)}$

$j$

# SHAPLEY VALUE APPROX. - ILLUSTRATION

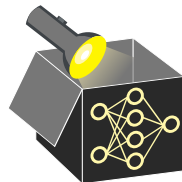
## Definition

Contribution of feature  $j$   
to coalition  $S_m$

$$\phi_j(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \underbrace{\left[ \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}_{+j}^{(m)}) - \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}_{-j}^{(m)}) \right]}_{:= \Delta(j, S_m)}$$

- $\Delta(j, S_m) = \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}_{+j}^{(m)}) - \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}_{-j}^{(m)})$  is marginal contribution of feature  $j$  to coalition  $S_m$
- Here: Feature *year* contributes +700 bike rentals if it joins coalition  $S_m = \{\text{temp}, \text{hum}\}$

	Temperature	Humidity	Windspeed	Year	Count
$\mathbf{x}$	10.66	56	11	2012	
$\mathbf{x}_{+j}$	10.66	56	random : $z_{\text{windspeed}}^{(m)}$	2012	5600
$\mathbf{x}_{-j}$	10.66	56	random : $z_{\text{windspeed}}^{(m)}$	random : $z_{\text{year}}^{(m)}$	4900
			$j$	$\hat{f}$	$\Delta(j, S_m)$ marginal contribution

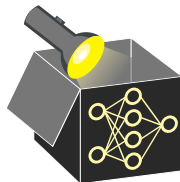


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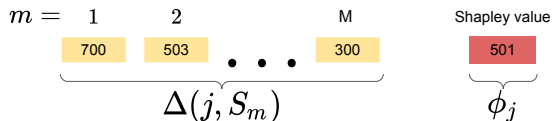
## Definition

average the contributions  
of feature  $j$

$$\phi_j(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M [\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}_{+j}^{(m)}) - \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}_{-j}^{(m)})]$$



- Compute marginal contribution of feature  $j$  towards the prediction across all randomly drawn feature coalitions  $S_1, \dots, S_m$
- Average all  $M$  marginal contributions of feature  $j$
- Shapley value  $\phi_j$  is the payout of feature  $j$ , i.e., how much feature *year* contributed to the overall prediction in bicycle counts of a specific obs.  $\mathbf{x}$



# REVISITED: AXIOMS FOR FAIR ATTRIBUTIONS

We adapt the classic Shapley axioms to the setting of model predictions:

- **Efficiency:** Sum of Shapley values adds up to the centered prediction:

$$\sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}}[\hat{f}(\mathbf{x})]$$

↪ All predictive contribution is fully distributed among features

- **Symmetry:** Identical contributors receive equal value:

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \forall S \subseteq P \setminus \{j, k\} \Rightarrow \phi_j = \phi_k$$

↪ Interaction effects are shared equitably

- **Dummy (Null Player):** Irrelevant features receive zero attribution:

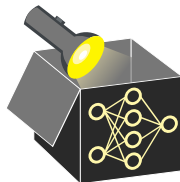
$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{f}_S(\mathbf{x}_S) \quad \forall S \subseteq P \Rightarrow \phi_j = 0$$

↪ Shapley value is zero for unused features (e.g., trees or LASSO)

- **Additivity:** Attributions are additive across models:

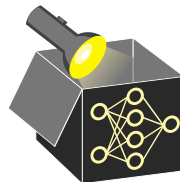
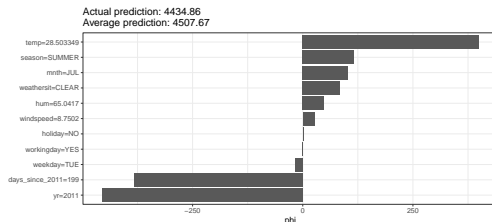
$$\phi_j(v_1 + v_2) = \phi_j(v_1) + \phi_j(v_2)$$

↪ Enables combining Shapley values for model ensembles





# BIKE SHARING DATASET



- Shapley decomposition for a single prediction in bike sharing dataset
- Model pred.:  $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(200)}) = 4434.86$  vs. dataset avg.:  $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}}[\hat{f}(\mathbf{x})] = 4507.67$
- Total feature attribution:  $\sum_j \phi_j = -72.81$   
     $\rightsquigarrow$  Explain downward shift from mean prediction
- Temperature (with value 28.5°C) – strongest positive contributor: +400
- yr = 2011 and days\_since\_2011 = 199 strongly reduce prediction  
     $\rightsquigarrow$  Model captures lower bike demand in 2011 compared to 2012

# ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

## Advantages:

- **Strong theoretical foundation** from cooperative game theory
- **Fair attribution:** Prediction is additively distributed across features  
~> Easy to interpret for users
- **Contrastive explanations:** Quantify each feature's role in deviating from the average prediction

## Disadvantages:

- **Comput. cost:** Exact computation scales factorially with feature count  
~> Without sampling, all  $2^p$  coalitions (or  $p!$  permuts) must be evaluated
- **Issue with correlated features:** Shapley values may evaluate the model on feature combinations that do not occur in the real data

