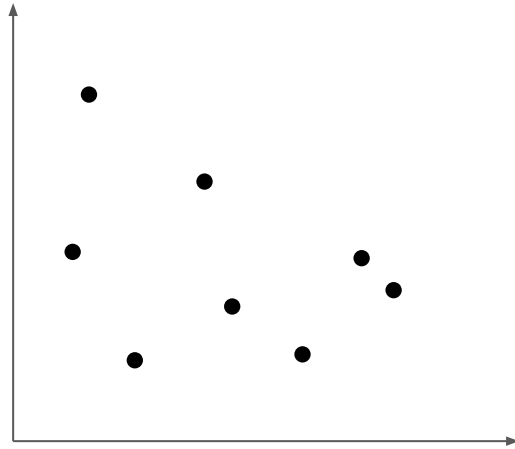
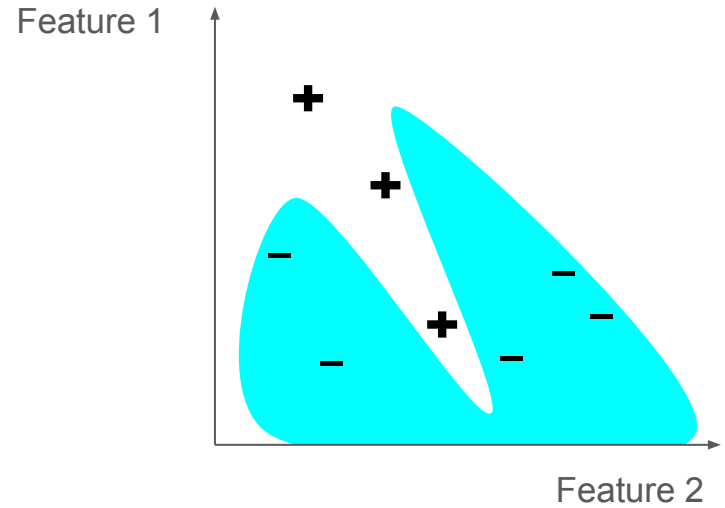
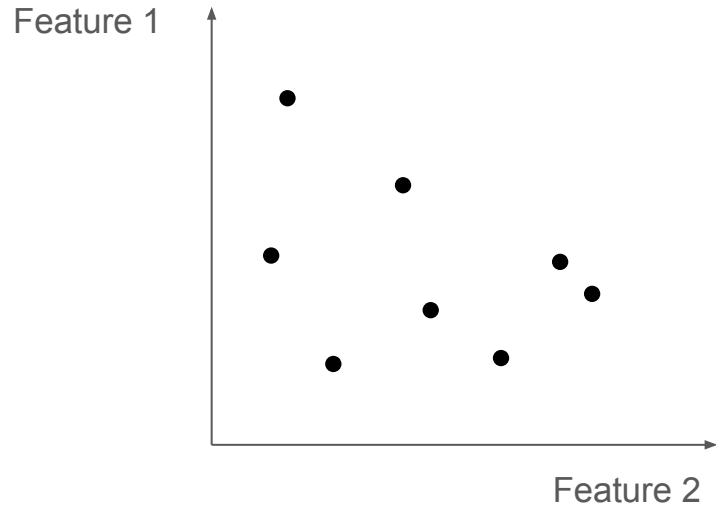


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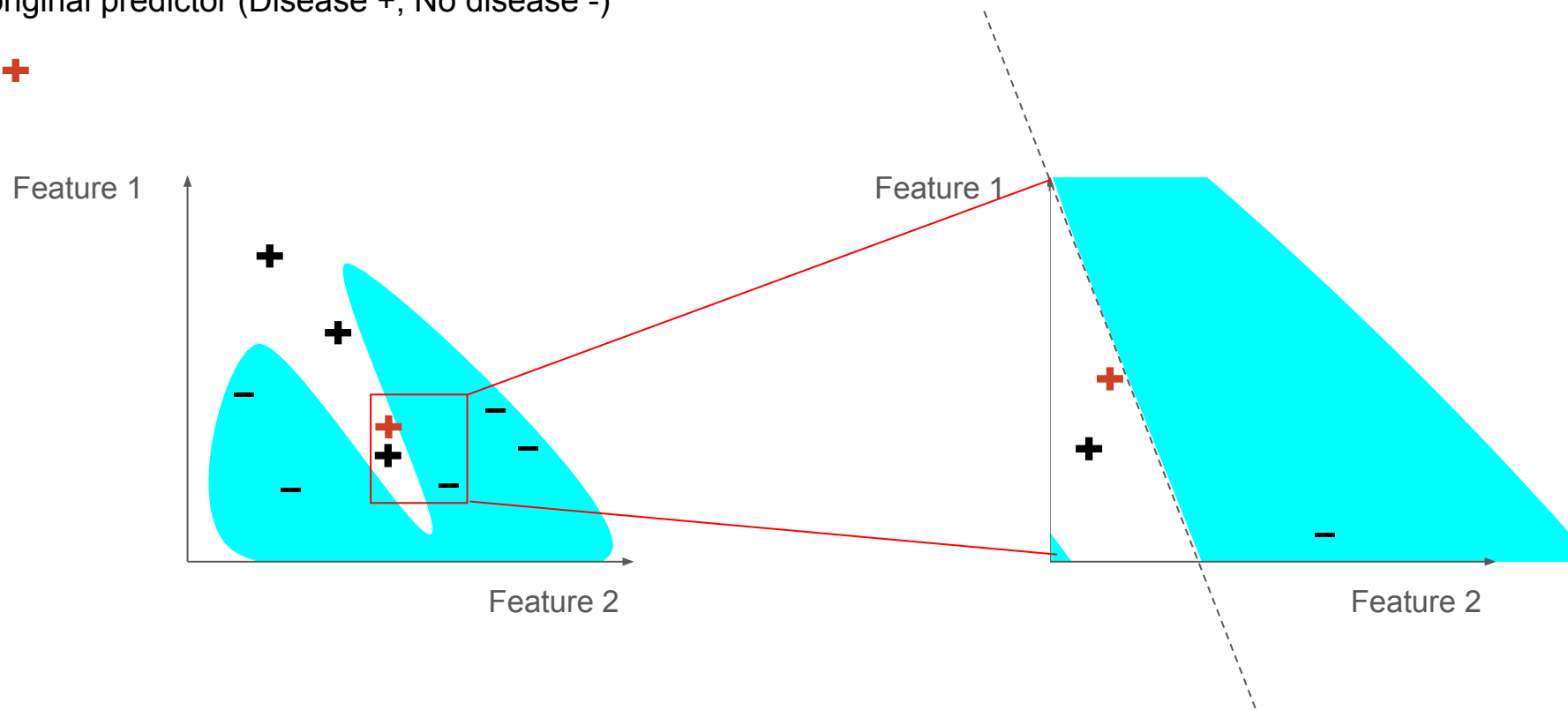
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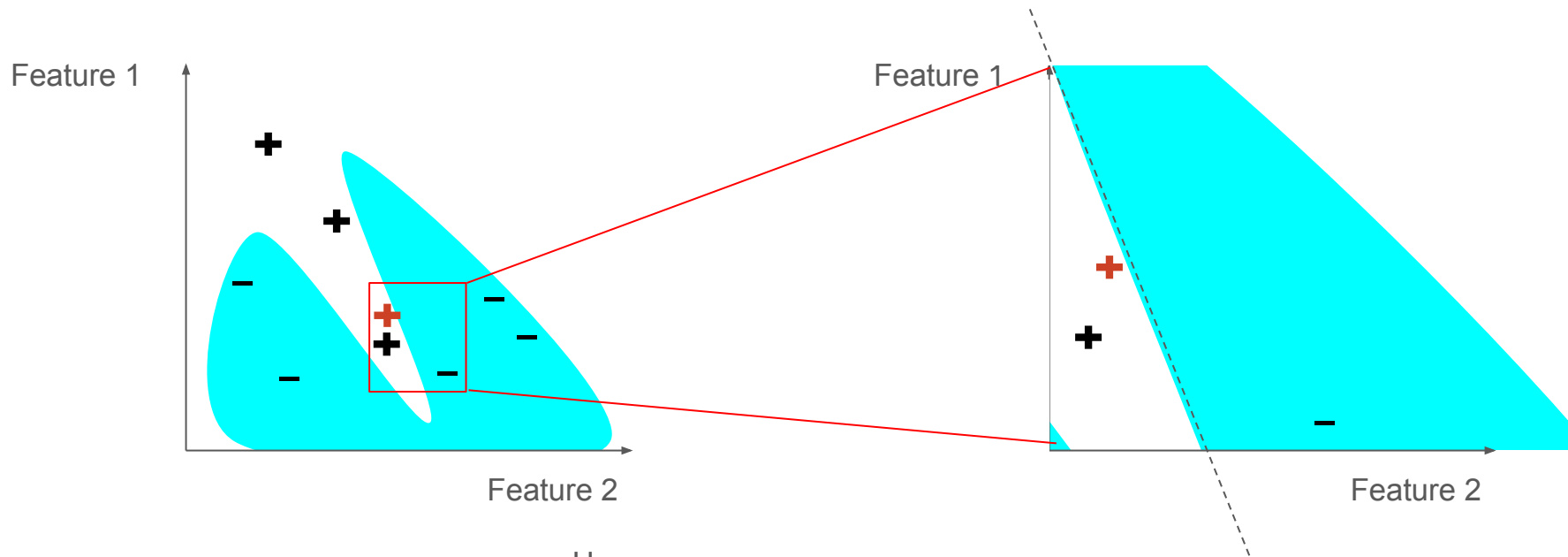
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$f(x) = +$



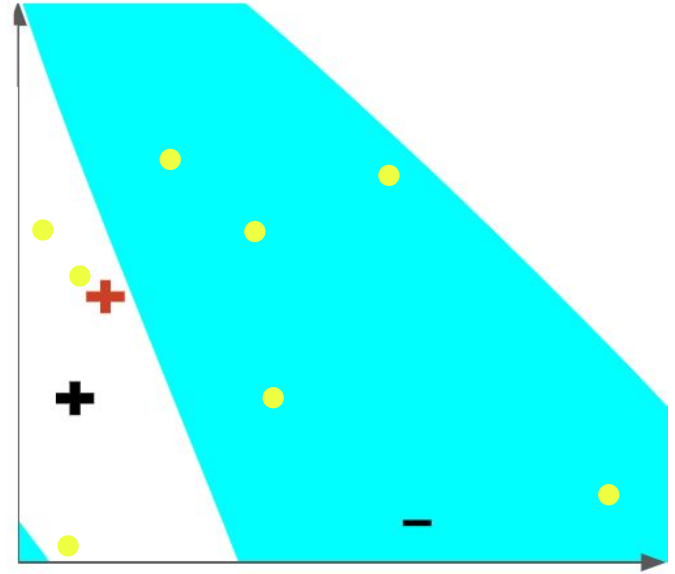


$$\xi(x) = \underset{g \in G}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad \mathcal{L}(f, g, \pi_x) + \Omega(g) \quad (1)$$

How  $g$  approximate to  $f$   $\swarrow$   
 Complexity simple model  $\swarrow$   
 Family Simple models  $\swarrow$   $\swarrow$   $\swarrow$   $\swarrow$   
 Complex model  $\swarrow$   $\swarrow$   $\swarrow$   $\swarrow$   
 Simple model  $\swarrow$   $\swarrow$   $\swarrow$   $\swarrow$   
 Proximity

$z = \bullet$  Perturbation of  $x$

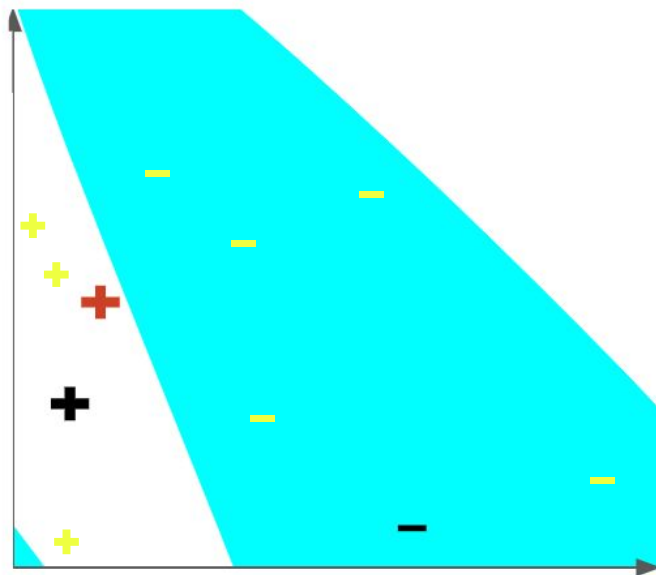
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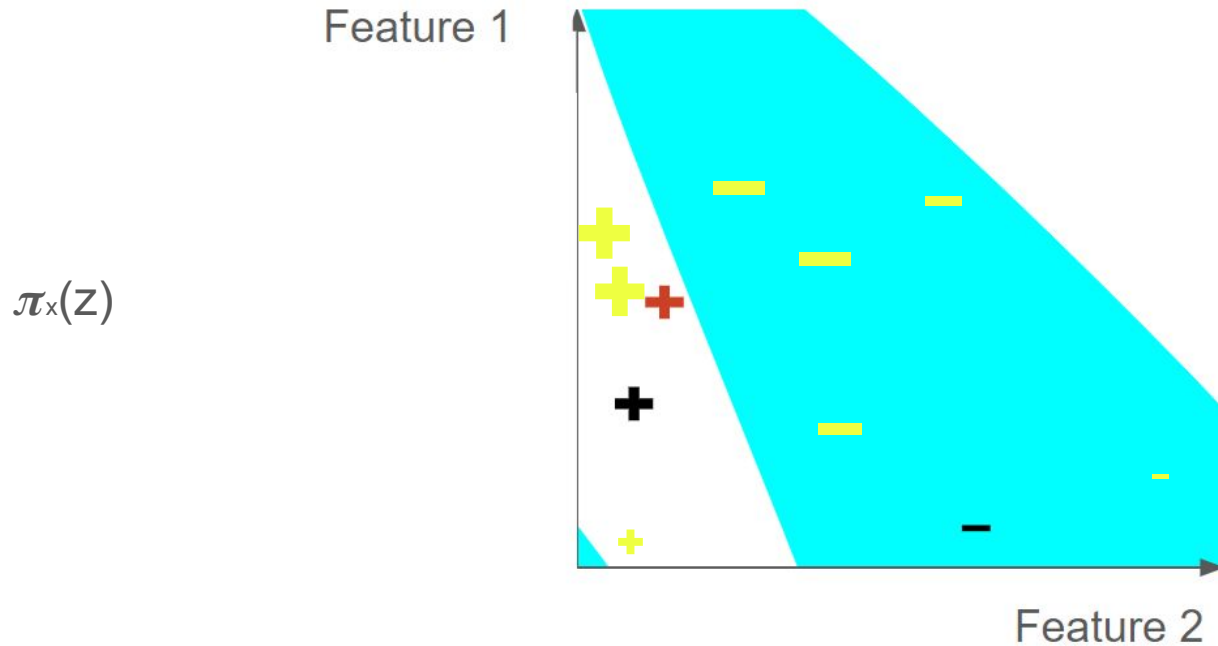
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$f(z)$

Feature 1



Feature 2



1.  $\mathbf{x}'$  (*interpretable representation*): This binary vector is a human-understandable version of the actual features used by the original model.
2.  $\mathbf{z}'$  (*perturbed sample*): a fraction of non zero elements of  $\mathbf{x}'$ .

**model**. For example, a possible *interpretable representation* for text classification is a binary vector indicating the presence or absence of a word, even though the classifier may use more complex (and incomprehensible) features such as word embeddings. Likewise for image classification, an *interpretable representation* may be a binary vector indicating the “presence” or “absence” of a contiguous patch of similar pixels (a super-pixel), while the classifier may represent the image as a tensor with three color channels per pixel. We denote  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  be the original representation of an instance being explained, and we use  $x' \in \{0, 1\}^{d'}$  to denote a binary vector for its interpretable representation.



**First Term:** the measure of the unfaithfulness of  $g$  in approximating  $f$  in the locality defined by  $\pi_x$ . This is termed as **locality-aware loss** in the original paper

$$\xi(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_{g \in G} \frac{\mathcal{L}(f, g, \pi_x) + \Omega(g)}{2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(f, g, \pi_x) = \sum_{z, z' \in \mathcal{Z}} \pi_x(z) (f(z) - g(z'))^2 \tag{2}$$

Weighted on the  
distance of  $z$  to  $x$

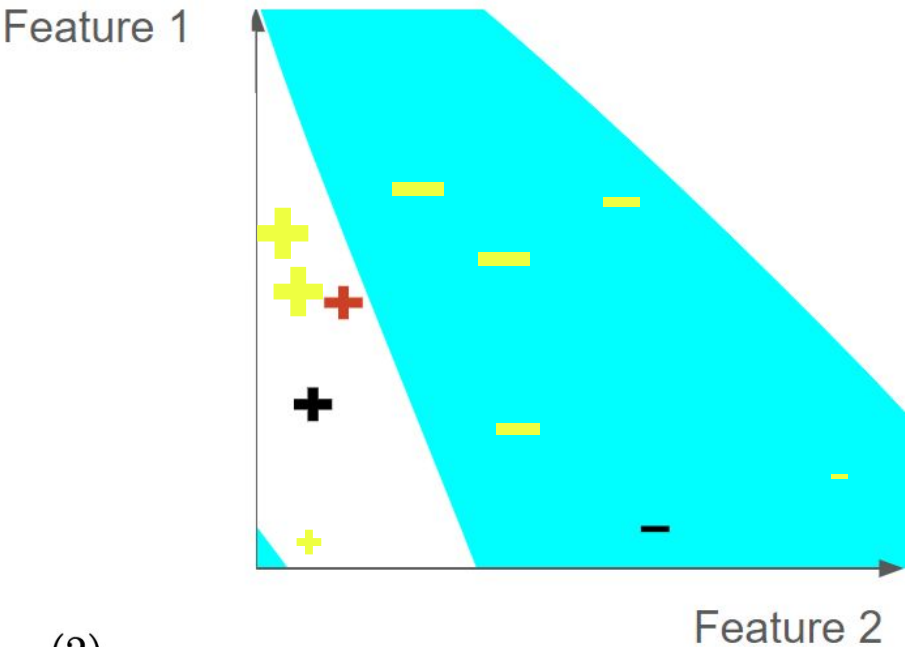
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Label  
complex  
model

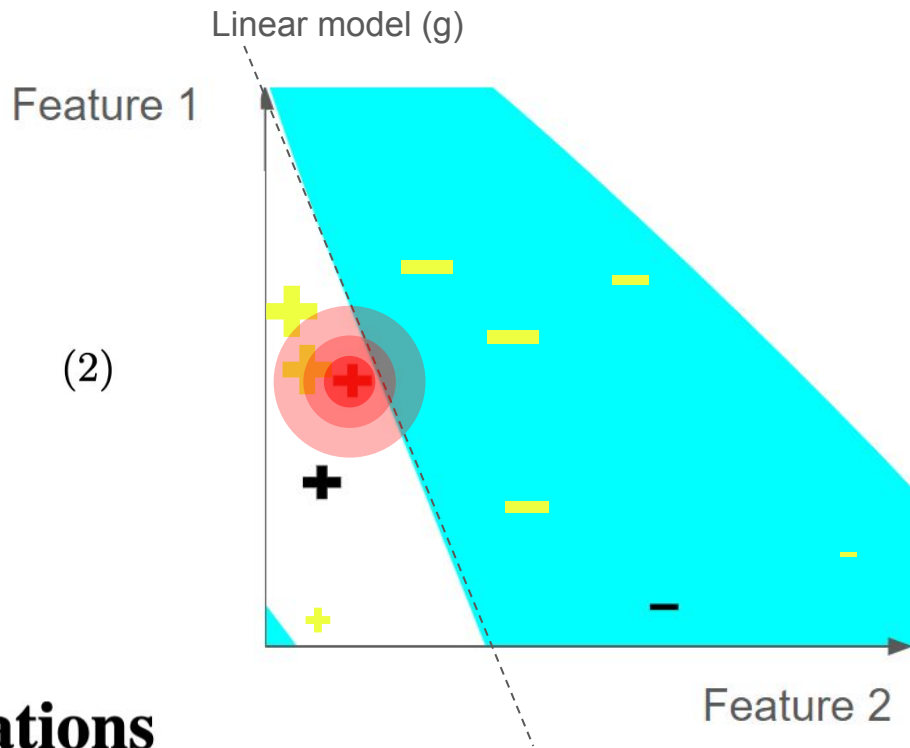
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Prediction  
simple  
model

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$$\mathcal{L}(f, g, \pi_x) = \sum_{z, z' \in \mathcal{Z}} \pi_x(z) (f(z) - g(z'))^2 \quad (2)$$

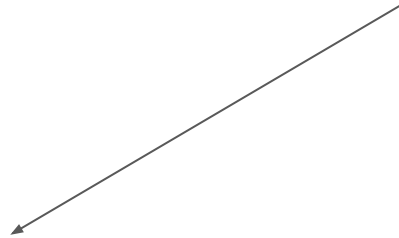


### 3.4 Sparse Linear Explanations

For the rest of this paper, we let  $G$  be the class of linear models, such that  $g(z') = w_g \cdot z'$ . We use the locally weighted square loss as  $\mathcal{L}$ , as defined in Eq. (2), where we let  $\pi_x(z) = \exp(-D(x, z)^2 / \sigma^2)$  be an exponential kernel defined on some

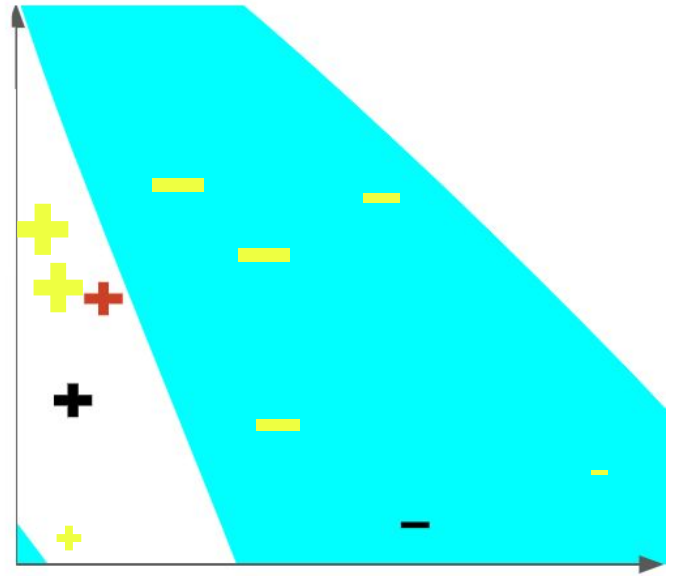
**Last term:** a measure of model complexity of explanation  $g$ . For example, if your explanation model is a decision tree it can be the depth of the tree or in the case of linear explanation models it can be the number of non zero weights

$$\xi(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_{g \in G} \mathcal{L}(f, g, \pi_x) + \Omega(g)$$



For text classification, we ensure that the explanation is **interpretable** by letting the *interpretable representation* be a bag of words, and by setting a limit  $K$  on the number of words, i.e.  $\Omega(g) = \infty \mathbb{1}[\|w_g\|_0 > K]$ . Potentially,  $K$  can be

Feature 1



Feature 2