INTRODUCTION TO MACHINE LEARNING EXPLAINABILITY

Part II

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TOPICS

- Classification of Explanations
- Explanation Modalities
- Examples of Explanations
- Data Explainability
- Transparent Modelling
- Post-hoc Explainability

CLASSIFICATION OF EXPLANATIONS

O1 Explanation Family

- associations between antecedent and consequent
- contrasts and differences
- causal mechanisms

ASSOCIATIONS BETWEEN ANTECEDENT AND CONSEQUENT

- feature importance
- feature attribution / influence
- rules

• exemplars (prototypes & criticisms)

CONTRASTS AND DIFFERENCES

- (non-causal) counterfactuals i.e., contrastive statements
- prototypes & criticisms

CAUSAL MECHANISMS

- causal counterfactuals
- causal chains
- full causal model

EXPLANATION MODALITIES

O2 Explanatory Medium

- (statistical / numerical) summarisation
- visualisation
- textualisation
- formal argumentation

O4 Explanation Domain

Original domain



Transformed domain



(O3 System Interaction & U4 Interactiveness]

Provided within a static or interactive protocol

- interactive interface
- interactive explanation

EXAMPLES OF EXPLANATIONS

PERMUTATION FEATURE IMPORTANCE

Height at age 20 (cm)	Height at age 10 (cm)	•••	Socks owned at age 10
182	155		20
175	147		10
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156	142		8
153	130	•••	24

https://www.kaggle.com/code/dansbecker/permutation-importance

INDIVIDUAL CONDITIONAL EXPECTATION & PARTIAL DEPENDENCE



FACE COUNTERFACTUALS



Poyiadzi, Sokol, Santos-Rodriguez, De Bie and Flach, 2020. FACE: Feasible and actionable counterfactual explanations

RULEFIT



https://christophm.github.io/interpretable-ml-book/rulefit.html

DATA EXPLAINABILITY

- Data as an (implicit) model
- Data summarisation and description
- Exemplars, prototypes and criticisms
- Dimensionality reduction (e.g., t-SNE)

TRANSPARENT MODELLING

- Rule lists and sets
- Linear models
- Decision trees
- *k*-nearest neighbours and *k*-means

POST-HOC EXPLAINABILITY

Understandable model of the relation between inputs and outputs

- SHAP
- LIME