

Digital Stewardship

Reproducibility, Data Management & Citation, and Explainable AI

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Outline

- Reproducibility:
 - Why do we need it? Why is it difficult? How can we achieve it?
- Data Management and Data Citation:
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- Explainable AI:
 - Why do we need it? Why is it difficult? How can we achieve it?
- Summary





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- Reproducibility
 - What are the challenges in reproducibility?
 - How to address the challenges of complex processes?
- Data Management & Citation
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Reproducibility

- Reproducibility is core to the scientific method
- Focus not on misconduct but on complexity and the will to produce good work
- Should be easy
 - Get the code, compile, run, ...
 - Why is it difficult?



Reproducibility in "Small Data"

- Carmen M. Reinhart and Kenneth S. Rogoff: Growth in a *Time of Debt.* American Economic Review: Papers and proceedings 100:573-578, May 2010
- Study on relationship btw. debt and economic growth
 - Tipping point at 90% of government debt -
 - Published after the Greek crisis -
 - Analysis supporting budget cuts
 - Stimulus vs austerity
 - Strong political influence

By CARMEN M. REINHART AND KENNETH S. ROGOFF® especially against the backdrop of graying pop-ulations and rising social insurance costs? Are sharply elevated public debts ultimately a man-In this paper, we exploit a new multi-country historical dataset on public (government) debi (o search for a systemic relationship between high public debi levels, growth and inflation.⁸ Our Shufply etermice point works and an arrange of a gradient part of the second of the se main result is that whereas the link between prowth and debt seems relatively weak at "nornull debt levels, median growth rates for coun-tries with public debt over roughly 90 percent of GDP are about one percent lower than other-Reinhart and Kenneth S. Rogoff (2008, 2009b), wise; average (mean) pricent nets are several wise; average (mean) pricent nets are several between public debt and growth is remarkably similar across emerging markets and advanced Prior to this dataset, it was exceedingly difficult trend to finis tataset, if was exceedingly difficult to to get more than two or three decades of pub-lic debt data oven for many rich contribs, and virtually impossible for most emerging markets, Our results incorporate data on 44 countries. economies. This is not the case for inflation. We spanning about 200 years. Taken (ugelber, the spanning about 200 years. Taken (ugelber, the data incorporate over 3,200 annual observations covering a wide range of political systems, insti-lutions, exchange rate and monetary arrangefind to systematic relationship between high debt levels and inflation for advanced econd-mies as a group (albeit with individual country exceptions including the United States) By consucceives including the Unicel Station, 184 con-tract, in emerging marks counties, high public debt Invests coincids with higher inflution. Our topic would seem to be a minely one Public debt has been souring in the wake of the event justice in the source and the source the optication counties. This should not be some influence in the optications of action banks financial tricker.³ Outsical delation and grin bank influence and the influence of source of the influence and the source of a public of the source influence and the optications of action banks. ments, and historic circumstances. We also employ more needed and no external debt. including debt owed both by governments and by private entities. For emerging markets, we find that there exists a significantly more we had that that need extent a significantly note severe threshold for othal gross external debt (public and private)—which is almost exclu-sively denominated in a foreign currency—than the denominated in a foreign currency may for total public debt (the domesically issued component of which is largely denominated but what is the long-run macroeconomic impact, component or which is targety temominate in home currency. When gross external debt reaches 60 percent of GDP, annual growth declines by about two percent; for levels of external debt in access of 90 percent of GDP growth rates are roughly cut in halt. We are not

Growth in a Time of Debt

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 Others could not reproduce results: Thomas Herndon, Michael Ash, Robert Pollin: Does High Public Debt Consistently Stifle Economic Growth? A Critique of Reinhart and Rogoff UMASS Working Paper Series 322, April 2013



https://www.peri.umass.edu/fileadmin/pdf/working_papers/working_papers_301-350/WP322.pdf



Reproducibility in "Small Data"

 Carmen M. Reinhart and Kenneth S. Rogoff (2010) vs. Thomas Herndon, Michael Ash, Robert Pollin (2013)

Original spreadsheet provided

- Some data excluded on purpose
- Questionable statistical procedures
- Excel error
 - Accidentally missed 5 rows of data!
 - Average Annual Growth changed from -0.1 to 2.2 after correction
- Lead to prominent coverage on importance of transparency, reproducibility



https://www.newyorker.com/news/john-cassidy/the-reinhart-and-rogoff-controversy-a-summing-up https://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/19/opinion/krugman-the-excel-depression.html IFS FACULTY OF INFORMATICS



http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0038234



formal assessment of the accuracy of FreeSurfer is desirable.

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Excursion: Scientific Processes





Excursion: scientific processes



set1_freq440Hz_Am11.0Hz





 $set1_freq440Hz_Am12.0Hz$





Java

set1_freq440Hz_Am05.5Hz



Matlab



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Excursion: Scientific Processes





A simpler example

Image conversion from jpg to tiff using ImageMagick

	View Path #1 View Path #2
Data formats	Raw JPEG Stream Raw JPEG Stream
	(fmt/41);Portable Network (fmt/41);Portable Network
	Graphics (fmt/13) Graphics (fmt/13)
Application	ImageMagick 6.8.9-7 Q16 ImageMagick 6.8.9-7
	Microsoft Visual C++ 2010
JVM	Java SE 6 Update 45 Java SE 7 Update 10
Operating System	Windows 7 Enterprise SP1 OS X 10.9.4
Hardware	3,3GHz Intel Core i3 2,3GHz Intel Core i5
	8GB 1600MHz DDR3 4GB 1333MHz DDR3
	NVIDIA GT630 2GBIntel HD Graphics 3000
	384MB







Original jpg



TIFF Migration on Windows7



TIFF Migration on OSX













- Large scale quantitative analysis
- Obtain workflows from MyExperiments.org
 - March 2015: almost 2.700 WFs (approx. 300-400/year)
 - Focus on Taverna 2 WFs: 1.443 WFs
 - Published by authors
 → should be "better quality"
- Try to re-execute the workflows
 - Record data on the reasons for failure along
- Analyse the most common reasons for failures



Workflow Engine	%
Taverna 2	54.7
Taverna 1	20.9
RapidMiner	10.0
Galaxy	2.0
Others	12.4



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Re-Execution results

- Majority of workflows fails
- Only 23.6 % are successfully executed
 - No analysis yet on correctness of results...

Processor	# WFs
REST unavailable	4
REST unauthenticated	5
Other unauthenticated	40
Missing Resources	14
Tool unavailable	19

Processor	# WFs	
Original Data Set	1443	
- Missing input values	526	
- Disabled processors (WSDL	180	
- Not executable in test envir	6	
Final Data Set	731	
Processor	# WFs	% WFs

Not terminated >48hours	6	0.8
Execution failed	384	52.5
Execution successful	341	46.6

Rudolf Mayer, Andreas Rauber, "A Quantitative Study on the Re-executability of Publicly Shared Scientific Workflows", 11th IEEE Intl. Conference on e-Science, 2015.





- 613 papers in 8 ACM conferences
- Process
 - download paper and classify
 - search for a link to code (paper, web, email twic
 - download code



Christian Collberg and Todd Proebsting. "Repeatability in Computer Systems Research," CACM 59(3):62-69.2016







 ACM Statement on Algorithmic Transparency and Accountability, May 25 2017

http://www.acm.org/binaries/content/assets/publicpolicy/2017_joint_statement_algorithms.pdf

- 1. Awareness: potential bias
- 2. Access and redress: for individuals and groups
- 3. Accountability: responsible for decisions made by algorithms
- 4. Explanation: encouraged to explain procedures, decisions
- 5. Data Provenance: data collection, bias analysis, ...
- 6. Auditability: models, data, algorithms recorded
- 7. Validation and Testing: rigorous, routinely, public







Excursion: Ethics & Privacy

How can we address this, support us in proper behavior?

- Steps towards solutions:
 - Automated documentation, provenance
 - Data versioning, reproducibility
 - Monitoring data quality, data drift,
 - Defining triggers, roles and responsibilities

Open questions

- "Ethical algorithms by design" ?
- Run-time monitoring for ethical behavior of algorithms?
- Automated bias-testing for sensitive attributes?
- Ontology of likely correlated attributes?
- Can we encode ethical rules/behavior?
- Role of randomness in human decision making?



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Examples

- Self-driving / connected cars
 - Minimizing the impact of accidents
 - Optimizing routing / driving behavior: global / local optimization
- Service provision
 - From elevators to self-driving cars
 - Infrastructure planning
 - Credit scoring
- Social media-based / crowd decision support (Manipulation and social dynamics)
 - Chatbots
 - Recommender Systems, Information retrieval / filters (hate speech)
 - Wikipedia (edit wars) -> input to algorithms -> ...





Reproducibility – solved! (?)

- Provide source code, parameters, data, ...
- Wrap it up in a container/virtual machine, ...



- Why do we want reproducibility?
- Which levels or reproducibility are there?
- What do we gain by different levels of reproducibility?
- A simple "re-run" is usually not enough – otherwise, video would be sufficient….





Types of Reproducibility

- The **PRIMAD Model**¹: which attributes can we "prime"?
 - Data
 - Parameters
 - Input data
 - Platform
 - Implementation
 - Method
 - Research Objective
 - Actors
- What do we gain by "priming" one or the other?

[1] Juliana Freire, Norbert Fuhr, and Andreas Rauber. Reproducibility of Data-Oriented Experiments in eScience. Dagstuhl Reports, 6(1):108-159, 2016. http://drops.dagstuhl.de/opus/volltexte/2016/5817/pdf/dagrep_v006_i001_p108_s16041.pdf





Types of Reproducibility and Gains

Label	D Parameters	ta Raw Data	Platform / Stack	Implementation	Method	Research Objective	Actor	Gain
Repeat	-	-	-	-	-	-		Determinism
Param. Sweep	x	-	-	-	-	-		Robustness / Sensitivity
Generalize	(x)	x	-	-	-	-		Applicability across different settings
Port	-	-	x	-	-	-		Portability across platforms, flexibility
Re-code	-	-	(x)	x	-	-		Correctness of implementation, flexibility, adoption, efficiency
Validate	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	x	-		Correctness of hypothesis, validation via different approach
Re-use	-	-	-	-	-	x		Apply code in different settings, Re-purpose
Independent <i>x</i> (orthogonal)							x	Sufficiency of information, independent verification



- Aim for reproducibility: for one's own sake and as Chairs of conference tracks, editor, reviewer, supervisor, …
 - Review of reproducibility of submitted work (material provided)
 - Encouraging reproducibility studies
 - (Messages to stakeholders in Dagstuhl Report)
- Consistency of results, not identity!
- Reproducibility studies and papers
 - Not just re-running code / a virtual machine
 - When is a reproducibility paper worth the effort / worth being published?
 - \rightarrow Issues with peer review and verification...





Peer Review and Verification

- Peer review is an established process
 - Focused on publications mainly
 - Hardly any data quality reviews
 - Even less reproducibility studies
- Reproducing or replicating experiments is not considered original research
 - No recognition
 - No money
 - A lot of work
- Encourage reproducibility studies
- Needed beyond science!





Peer Review and Verification

- Encourage reproducibility studies -> How?
- Dagstuhl Seminar: Reproducibility of Data-Oriented Experiments in e-Science, January 2016, Dagstuhl, Germany http://drops.dagstuhl.de/opus/volltexte/2016/5817/pdf/dagrep_v006_i001_p108_s16041.pdf
- Call for action to conference Organizers, Editors, ...
- Several conferences include reproducibility tracks





Transparency, openness, and reproducibility are vital features of science. Scientists embrace these features as disciplinary norms and values, and it follows that they should be integrated into daily research activities. These practices give confidence in the work; help research as a whole to be conducted at a higher standard and be undertaken more efficiently; provide verifiability and falsifiability; and encourage a community of mutual cooperation. They also lead to a valuable form of paper, namely, reports on evaluation and reproduction of prior work. Outcomes that others can build upon and use for their own research, whether a theoretical construct or a reproducible experimental result, form a foundation on which science can progress. Papers that are structured and presented in a manner that facilitates and encourages such post-publication evaluations benefit from increased impact, recognition, and citation rates.

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• When is a Reproducibility paper worth being published?



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Important Dates

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- Mentorship program deadline: 21 August 2017
- Workshops/tutorials proposals: 15 September 2017
- Notification of acceptance for workshops/tutorials: 02 October 2017
- Full papers: 16 October 201723 October 2017 midnight AOE
- · Short papers/demos: 30 October 2017
- Notification of acceptance for full papers, short papers and demos: 01 December 2017
- Camera-ready copy: 29 December 2017
- Open registration: January 2018
- Conference: 26-29 March 2018

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- Do we always want reproducibility?
 - Scientifically speaking: yes!
- Research is addressing challenges:
 - Looking for and learning from non-reproducibility!
- Non-reproducibility if
 - Some (un-known) aspect of a study influences results
 - Technical: parameter sweep, bug in code, OS, ... -> fix it!
 - Non-technical: input data! (specifically: "the user")





Learning from Non-Reproducibility

Challenges in MIR – "things don't seem to work"

- Virtual Box, Github, <your favourite tool> are starting points
- Same features, same algorithm, different data ->
- Same data, different listeners -> \$
- Understanding "the rest":
 - Isolating unknown influence factors
 - Generating hypotheses
 - Verifying these to understand the "entire system", cultural and other biases, ...
- Benchmarks and Meta-Studies





In a nutshell – and another aspect of reproducibility:



Source: <u>xkcd</u>








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Challenges in Reproducibility

http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0038234



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And the solution is...

- Standardization and Documentation
 - Standardized components, procedures, workflows
 - Documenting complete system set-up across entire provenance chain
- How to do this efficiently?





Alexander Graham Bell's Notebook, March 9 1876 Pieter Bruegel the Elder: De Alchemist (British Museum, London) https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Alexander Graham Bell's notebook, March 9, 1876.PNG



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PROV-O

- W3C Recommendation <u>https://www.w3.org/TR/prov-o/</u>
- Ontology to represent provenance information
- May use other languages
 - FOAF (friends-of-a-friend)
 - Dublin Core
 - PREMIS



xsd:dateTime

IfS

wasInformedBy xsd:dateTime

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wasDerivedFrom

Entity















PROV-O

Adding roles







PROV-O

Adding revisions, time dependencies, plans, …





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- Ideally:
 - Processing pipeline documents provenance automatically
- Reality:
 - Combination
 - automatic documentation / logging
 - monitoring behaviour of the system





Documenting a Process

- Context Model: establish what to document and how
- Meta-model for describing process & context
 - Extensible architecture integrated by core model
 - Reusing existing models as much as possible
 - Based on ArchiMate, implemented using OWL
- Extracted by static and dynamic analysis





Context Model – Static Analysis

- Analyses steps, platforms, services, tools called
- Dependencies (packages, libraries)
- HW, SW Licenses, …







ArchiMate model

Context Model (OWL ontology)





Context Model – Dynamic Analysis

- Process Migration Framework (PMF)
 - designed for automatic redeployments into virtual machines
 - uses *strace* to monitor system calls
 - complete log of all accessed resources (files, ports)
 - captures and stores process instance data
 - analyse resources (file formats via PRONOM, PREMIS)





Context Model – Dynamic Analysis





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Process Capture

Preservation and Re-deployment

- "Encapsulate" as complex Research Object (RO)
- DP: Re-Deployment beyond original environment
 - Format migration of elements of ROs
 - Cross-compilation of code
 - Emulation-as-a-Service
- Verification upon re-deployment







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- Documents system set-up and process execution
- Represents data in ontology
- Can be used as provenance documentation
- Can be used to verify re-execution
- Can be used to trace causes for differing behaviour
- Tomasz Miksa, Andreas Rauber. Using ontologies for verification and validation of workflow-based experiments, Web Semantics: Science, Services and Agents on the World Wide Web, 43:25-45, March 2017. <u>https://doi.org/10.1016/j.websem.2017.01.002</u>
- Tomasz Miksa, Andreas Rauber, Eleni Mina. Identifying Impact of Software Dependencies on Replicability of Biomedical Workflows. Journal of Biomedical Informatics 64:232-254, 2016.
 <u>https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jbi.2016.10.011</u>





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- Reproducibility
- Data Management & Citation
- Explainable AI
 - What is Explainability in ML and why do we need it?
 - Interpretable Models
 - Model-agnostic Approaches to Explainability
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Explainable ML

Reading Material

 <u>Riccardo Guidotti, Anna Monreale, Salvatore</u> <u>Ruggieri, Franco Turini</u>, Fosca Giannotti, <u>Dino</u> <u>Pedreschi</u>:

A Survey of Methods for Explaining Black Box Models. <u>ACM Comput. Surv. 51(5)</u>: 93:1-93:42 (2019)

- Molnar, Christoph. "Interpretable machine learning. A Guide for Making Black Box Models Explainable", 2019. <u>https://christophm.github.io/interpretable-mlbook</u>
- Further references in the slides









- Interpretability is the degree to which a human can understand the cause of a decision (Miller, Tim. 2017. "Explanation in Artificial Intelligence: Insights from the Social Sciences." arXiv Preprint arXiv:1706.07269)
- Interpretability is the degree to which a human can consistently predict the model's result





- Goal of Science:
 - Curiosity / learning (eat green berries -> sick)
 - Understanding the model
 - Detecting bias
 - Achieve / increase social acceptance
 - Debugging and auditing
 - Checking for essential characteristics
 - Fairness
 - Privacy
 - Reliability, robustness
 - Causality
 - Trust!





 ACM Statement on Algorithmic Transparency and Accountability, May 25 2017

http://www.acm.org/binaries/content/assets/publicpolicy/2017_joint_statement_algorithms.pdf

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When do we not need explainability?



- When do we not need explainability?
 - No impact (e.g. private use)
 - Well-studied and established (e.g. OCR)
 (but: beware changing world: adversary input, repurposing,...)
 - Risk of exposure: gaming the system (but: internal auditing, possibility of inspection!)

- Types of explainability
 - Intrinsic: model-inherent (i.e. a linear model) (but: beware of complexity of the model!)
 - Post-hoc: extracting information
 - Ex-ante: data statistics, bias in data, definition of task
- Types of explanations
 - Feature statistics / visualizations
 - Model internals (e.g. weights)
 - Examples and counter-examples
 - Proxy models: simpler, easier to understand (but potentially wrong)





- Types of approaches
 - Model-specific vs. model-agnostic
 - Local explanations vs. global explanations
 - Local: per instance, class, region, ...
 - Global: holistic vs. modular: per attribute / per set of instances
- Model transparency vs. Algorithmic transparency
 - Knowing and UNDERSTANDING what the algorithm does
 - Source code is not sufficient!



Quality criteria for explanations

- Contrastive: not just "why x?" but "why x not y?"
 - most similar with different outcome,
 - most influential characteristics
- Social setting: target audience
 - User / affected person vs. model builder/debugger vs. legal ...
- Coherent with believes / intuition / knowledge ("Confirmation Bias: A Ubiquitous Phenomenon in Many Guises." Review of General Psychology 2 (2). Educational Publishing Foundation: 175)
- Generalization: cover many cases
- Truthfullness: holds for other examples as well
- Selectiveness: not entire set of reasons, but most significant
- Abnormal features: prefer rare categorical values over frequent, outliers, ...
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Evaluating explanations

- Real task
- Proxy task: simpler task, selected users judging quality
- Functional:
 - Explanation size
 - Sparsity (how many features?)
 - Feature complexity
 - Interaction of features
 - Monotonicity
 - Uncertainty part of the explanation
 - Cognitive processing time




Outline

- What is Explainability in ML and why do we need it?
- Interpretable Models
- Model-agnostic Approaches to Explainability





Interpretable Models

Algorithm	Linear	Monotone	Interaction	Task
Linear models	Yes	Yes	No	Regr.
Logistic regression	No	Yes	No	Class.
Decision trees	No	Some	Yes	Class. + Regr.
RuleFit	Yes	No	Yes	Class. + Regr.
Naive Bayes	Yes	Yes	No	Class.n
k-nearest neighbours	No	No	No	Class. + Regr.





Popular ML model

$$y_i = eta_0 + eta_1 x_{i1} + \ldots + eta_p x_{ip} + \epsilon_i$$

- Many assumptions (often violated)
 - Linearity
 - Normal distribution of outcome
 - Homoscedascity: constant variance of error terms (e.g. variance of house prices is constant across different size ranges of houses)
 - Independence of instances: multiple measurements per data point (house, customer)
 - Fixed features, no errors
 - Absence of multicollinearity: no correlation across features (one will be picked as dominant, the other contributes variance)





- Interpretation
 - Numerical feature: increase in x_j -> outcome changes by β_j
 - Binary feature: flip x_i from base level changes outcome by β_i
 - Categorical feature: on-hot encoding
 - Baseline / intercept β_0
 - R2 / Sum of Squared Errors (SSE): how much of the total variance in data is explained by model

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Example: bike rental

	Weight estimate	Std. Error
(Intercept)	2399.4	238.3
seasonSUMMER	899.3	122.3
seasonFALL	138.2	161.7
seasonWINTER	425.6	110.8
holidayHOLIDAY	-686.1	203.3
workingdayWORKING DAY	124.9	73.3
weathersitMISTY	-379.4	87.6
weathersitRAIN/SNOW/STORM	-1901.5	223.6
temp	110.7	7.0
hum	-17.4	3.2
windspeed	-42.5	6.9
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- Example: bike rental:
 - Plotting feature weights + 95% confidence interval
 - Note: different scales!!





- Example: bike rental:
 - Plotting feature effects + 95% confidence interval
 - Weight multiplied by feature values
 - Box-plot: Median, effect range 25%-75% of data, outliers





- Example: bike rental:
 - Explaining single prediction (instance 6: early 2011, 2°C





- Summary
 - Weighted sums are simple, highly transparent
 - High level of acceptance, experience, solid statistical theory
 - Only for linear relationships
 - Non-linearities have to be modelled as features
 - Low performance as many settings non-linear relationships
 - Unintuitive interpretation because of independence assumption

(doesn't hold in real world, e.g. size of house / nr of rooms)





- Different algorithms
- Binary / non-binary splits
- Different splitting criteria
- Assigns each instance via branches to one leaf node
- Can be interpreted as rule set











- Interpretation
 - Reason for decision:
 - Rule set, sequence of decisions
 - Local explanation
 - Global explanation: usually too complex to grasp!
 - Feature importance:
 - All splits in which feature was used, compute contribution to quality measure (variance, Gini index, ...)
 - Scale to 100%: share of each feature in decision





- Example: bike rental (regression tree)
 - Splits plus variance in leaves
 - Feature importance: time trend higher than temperature





- Summary
 - Captures interaction between data
 - Natural structure, visualization, intuitive
 - Allows identification of counterfactuals: "if x had been y"
 - No scaling needed
 - Not suitable for linear relationships (step-functions)
 - No smoothness -> small changes, big effects
 - Unstable: small changes in data, big effects
 - Complex for real-world settings





Outline

- What is Explainability in ML and why do we need it?
- Interpretable Models
- Model-Agnostic Approaches to Explainability
 - Partial Dependence Plots (PDP)
 - Accumulated Local Effects (ALE)
 - Local surrogate (LIME)
 - Shapley Values





- Friedman, Jerome H. "Greedy function approximation: A gradient boosting machine." Annals of statistics (2001): 1189-1232.
- Marginal effect one or two features x_s have on the predicted outcome of a machine learning model
- Estimated by calculating averages in the training data (Monte Carlo method)

$${\hat f}_{x_S}(x_S) = rac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n {\hat f}\left(x_S, x_C^{(i)}
ight)$$





- Computation:
 - 1) Select feature
 - 2) Define grid
 - 3) Per grid value:
 - 1) replace feature with grid value and
 - 2) average predictions.
 - 4) Draw curve





Example: <u>https://towardsdatascience.com/introducing-pdpbox-2aa820afd312</u> Data set with 3 instances and 3 attributes & class Y

Α	В	С	Y
A1	B1	C1	Y1
A2	B2	C2	Y2
A3	B3	C3	Y3

 Analyzing contribution of attribute A on prediction Y: generate new data set with all combinations of attributes

Α	В	С	Y
A1	B1	C1	Y11
A1	B2	C2	Y21
A1	B3	C3	Y31
A2	B1	C1	Y12
A2	B2	C2	Y22
A2	B3	C3	Y32
A3	B1	C1	Y13
A3	B2	C2	Y23
A3	B3	C3	Y33



 Generate nrows * num_grid_points number of predictions and averaged them for each unique value of Feature A

А	В	С	Y	mean
A1	B1	C1	Y11	
A1	B2	C2	Y21	Y(A1)
A1	B3	C3	Y31	
A2	B1	C1	Y12	
A2	B2	C2	Y22	Y(A2)
A2	B3	C3	Y32	
A3	B1	C1	Y13	
A3	B2	C2	Y23	Y(A3)
A3	B3	C3	Y33	

Plot average predictions for each feature value of A

Х	A1	A2	A3
Y	Y(A1)	Y(A2)	Y(A3)



Example: bicycle rental (note histograms)





Example: bicycle rental (categorical features)







Example: Cervical Cancer (note histograms)





Example: Cervical Cancer (2 attributes)





- Summary
 - Intuitive
 - Provides causal interpretation of feature by the model
 - If features are not correlated, then perfect representation of feature influence
 - But: features are usually correlated
 - PDP computes over unrealistic feature combinations (30m2 flat with 10 rooms; person of 1,90m with weights btw. 45-120kg)
 - Heterogeneous effects may be hidden (PDP show average marginal effect – if half of data points have positive association, the other half negative, then zero effect is reported) -> Individual Conditional Expectation (ICE)



Individual Conditional Expectation (ICE)

- Like PDP, but
- Plot each data point separately instead of plotting averages

Х	A1	A2	A3
Y1	Y11	Y12	Y13
Y2	Y21	Y22	Y23
Y 3	Y31	Y32	Y33





• Example: bike rental





Example: cervical cancer



Age





- Centered ICE curve
 - ICE curve shows absolute variation
 - Interested in difference as value changes
 - Anchoring curve at certain (lower end) *i* of value range of attribute

$${\hat f}_{\,cent}^{\,(i)} = {\hat f}^{\,(i)} - {f 1} {\hat f} \, (x^a, x_C^{(i)})$$





Example: bicycle rental





Example: cervical cancer





Individual Conditional Expectation (ICE)

- Summary
 - Clearer representation of actual distribution of feature contributions to prediction
 - Only for individual attributes, one at a time (no 2d-plots)
 - Still suffers from correlation btw. attributes: unrealistic combinations



Accumulated Local Effects Plot (ALE)

- Overcomes feature dependency issue of PDP plots
- M-plots: average over the conditional distribution of the feature, meaning at a grid value of x1, we average the predictions of instances with a similar x1 value
- ALE plots: differences in predictions instead of averages
 - 1. divide the feature into intervals (vertical lines).
 - 2. for data instances in an interval, calculate difference in prediction when we replace the feature with the upper and lower limit of the interval (horizontal lines).
 - 3. differences are later accumulated and centered, resulting in the ALE curve





Accumulated Local Effects Plot (ALE)




Accumulated Local Effects Plot (ALE)





Accumulated Local Effects Plot (ALE)







Example: bike rental





Example: bike rental: ALE vs. PDP



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Accumulated Local Effects Plot (ALE)

- Summary
 - Unbiased across attribute correlations
 - Faster to compute: O(n) (nr. Intervals, max # data points)
 - Centered at 0, easy interpretation
 - Shaky with high number of intervals
 - No guidance of how many intervals to choose
 - No ICE curve equivalent to understand heterogeneous contributions





Global Surrogate Model

- Train interpretable model on predictions provided by black-box model:
 - Select a dataset X (same dataset as used for training the black box model or a new dataset from the same distribution)
 - Get the predictions of the black box model.
 - Select an interpretable model type (linear model, decision tree, ...)
 - Train interpretable model on dataset X and its predictions
 - Measure how well the surrogate model replicates the predictions of the black box model
 - Interpret the surrogate model





Global Surrogate Model

- Summary
 - Flexible, works across all models, straightforward
 - Quality of surrogate model measured against its prediction of the original black-box model, not the ground truth labels!
 - Surrogate model quality may vary across data space
 - Limitations of interpretable models apply





- Local interpretable model-agnostic explanations (LIME)
- Ribeiro, Marco Tulio, Sameer Singh, and Carlos Guestrin. "Why should I trust you?: Explaining the predictions of any classifier." Proceedings of the 22nd ACM SIGKDD international conference on knowledge discovery and data mining. ACM (2016)
- Around a data point of interest generate a new dataset consisting of permuted samples and the corresponding predictions of the black box model
- Train interpretable model on this data set





- Computation
 - Select instance of interest for which you want to have an explanation of its black box prediction
 - Perturb your dataset and get the black box predictions for these new points
 - Weight the new samples according to their proximity to the instance of interest
 - Train a weighted, interpretable model on the dataset with the variations
 - Explain the prediction by interpreting the local model
- Challenge: defining the perturbation neighborhood, wich influences the locality of the explanation







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- Challenge: dertermining the perturbation neighborhood
- Example:
 - Black line: black-box prediction
 - Surrogate models (lin. Regr.) with 3 different kernel sizes





- Summary
 - Flexibly use any specific surrogate model
 - Fidelity measure provides information on how well the surrogate emodel explains the black-box model
 - Neighborhood kernel size is decisive and hard to estimate
 - Sampling within neighborhood kernel usually based on Gaussian, ignoring correlation btw. Attributes
 - Low stability in explanations for neighboring data points





- Game-theoretic approach
- What is the contribution of each feature value to the prediction?
- Shapley, Lloyd S. "A value for n-person games."
 Contributions to the Theory of Games 2.28 (1953): 307-317
- Each attribute is a "player"
- Evaluate coalitions of all players to the final outcome





- Example: apartment price prediction
- Average price is 310.000
- For a specific instance, the predicted price is 300.000
- How much did each attribute contribute to increase or lower the price? (easy for linear regression models)







- Contribution of one feature
 - Vary compared to instance of interest





 Contribution of two features: cat banned in all permutations: 8 possibilities





- Compute prediction for all combinations with attribute in question turned on or off
- Take the difference as the marginal contribution of the attribute in the specific coalition
- Take random feature values for features not in coalition
- Take average across all predictions obtained that way
- Interpretation: the value of feature j contributed ϕ_j to the prediction.





• Example: bike rental, day 285







- Summary
 - Provides fair, full prediction
 - Effects distributed / analyzed fairly across all coalitions
 - Might be only legally permissible explanation
 - Interpretation: Given the current set of feature values, the contribution of a feature value to the difference between the actual prediction and the mean prediction is the estimated Shapley value
 - Expensive to compute:
 - 2k possible coalitions + m random samples for instances not present
 - Sample only some coalitions
 - Reduce the number of m random instances (increases variance)
 - Always uses all features, no sparse explanations





- Summary
 - Needs access to data (not just black-box model) to replace non-present features by random samples
 - Cannot be used to make statements about changes in prediction for changes in the input (If I were to earn €300 more a year, my credit score would increase by 5 points)
 - Inclusion of unrealistic data instances when features are correlated





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 - Prototypes and Criticism
 - Influential instances





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