LOGIC-BASED EXPLAINABLE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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Lecture 02

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Unit #02

Principles of Symbolic XAI – Feature Selection

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 - Let $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{F}$, i.e. fix all features
 - Invariant: $WAXp(\mathcal{X})$ must hold. Why?
 - Analyze features in any order, one feature *i* at a time
 - If WAXp($\mathcal{X} \setminus \{i\}$) holds, then remove *i* from \mathcal{X} , i.e. *i* becomes free

[MM20]

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 - Obs: for some classes of classifiers, poly-time algorithms exist

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[RSG16, LL17, RSG18]

[INM19b]

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[IIM20, IIM22]

Explanation redundancy in DTs is ubiquitous – published DT examples

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DT Ref	D	#N	#P	% R	%C	%m	%M	%avg
[Alp14, Ch. 09, Fig. 9.1]	2	5	3	33	25	50	50	50
[Alp16, Ch. 03, Fig. 3.2]	2	5	3	33	25	50	50	50
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[BBHK10, Ch. 08, Fig. 8.2]	3	7	4	25	12	50	50	50
[BFOS84, Ch. 01, Fig. 1.1]	3	7	4	50	25	33	33	33
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[KMND20, Ch. 04, Fig. 4.14]	3	7	4	25	12	50	50	50
[KMND20, Sec. 4.7, Ex. 4]	2	5	3	33	25	50	50	50
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[RM08, Ch. 01, Fig. 1.5]	3	9	5	20	12	33	33	33
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[WFHP17, Ch. 01, Fig. 1.2]	3	7	4	25	12	50	50	50
[VLE ⁺ 16, Figure 4]	6	39	20	65	63	20	40	33
[Fla12, Ch. 02, Fig. 2.1(right)]	2	5	3	33	25	50	50	50
[Kot13, Figure 1]	3	10	6	33	11	33	33	33
[Mor82, Figure 1]	3	9	5	80	75	33	50	41
[PM17, Ch. 07, Fig. 7.4]	3	7	4	50	25	33	33	33
[RN10, Ch. 18, Fig. 18.6]	4	12	8	25	6	25	33	29
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[RN10]
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[Zho12

• Explanation for (x, y) = (1.25, -1.13)?

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Many DTs have paths that are not minimal XPs - Poole&Mackworth's book



- Explanation for (L, T, A) = (Short, Follow-Up, Unknown)?
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[PM17]

Explanation redundancy in DTs is ubiquitous – DTs from datasets

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adult	(12	6061)	6	83	78	42	33	25	20	40	25	17	509	73	255	75	91	10	66	22		
anneal	(38	886)	6	29	99	15	26	16	16	33	21	9	31	100	16	25	4	12	20	16		
backache	(32	180)	4	17	72	9	33	39	25	33	30	3	9	91	5	80	87	50	66	54		
bank	(19	36293)	6	113	88	57	5	12	16	20	18	19	1467	86	734	69	64	7	63	27		
biodegradation	(41	1052)	5	19	65	10	30	1	25	50	33	8	71	76	36	50	8	14	40	21		
cancer	(9	449)	6	37	87	19	36	9	20	25	21	5	21	84	11	54	10	25	50	37		
car	(6	1728)	6	43	96	22	86	89	20	80	45	11	57	98	29	65	41	16	50	30		
colic	(22	357)	6	55	81	28	46	6	16	33	20	4	17	80	9	33	27	25	25	25		
compas	(11	1155)	6	77	34	39	17	8	16	20	17	15	183	37	92	66	43	12	60	27		
contraceptive	(9	1425)	6	99	49	50	8	2	20	60	37	17	385	48	193	27	32	12	66	21		
dermatology	(34	366)	6	- 33	90	17	23	3	16	33	21	7	17	95	9	22	0	14	20	17		
divorce	(54	150)	5	15	90	8	50	19	20	33	24	2	5	96	3	33	16	50	50	50		
german	(21	1000)	6	25	61	13	38	10	20	40	29	10	99	72	50	46	13	12	40	22		
heart-c	(13	302)	6	43	65	22	36	18	20	33	22	4	15	75	8	87	81	25	50	34		
heart-h	(13	293)	6	37	59	19	31	4	20	40	24	8	25	77	13	61	60	20	50	32		
kr-vs-kp	(36	3196)	6	49	96	25	80	75	16	60	33	13	67	99	34	79	43	7	70	35		
lending	(9	5082)	6	45	73	23	73	80	16	50	25	14	507	65	254	69	80	12	75	25		
letter	(16	18668)	6	127	58	64	1	0	20	20	20	46	4857	68	2429	6	7	6	25	9		
lymphography	(18	148)	6	61	76	31	35	25	16	33	21	6	21	86	11	9	0	16	16	16		
mortality	(118	13442)	6	111	74	56	8	14	16	20	17	26	865	76	433	61	61	7	54	19		
mushroom	(22	8124)	6	39	100	20	80	44	16	33	24	5	23	100	12	50	31	20	40	25		
pendigits	(16	10992)	6	121	88	61	0	0	-	-	-	38	937	85	469	25	86	6	25	11		
promoters	(58	106)	1	3	90	2	0	0	-	-	-	3	9	81	5	20	14	33	33	33		
recidivism	(15	3998)	6	105	61	53	28	22	16	33	18	15	611	51	306	53	38	9	44	16		
seismic_bumps	(18	2578)	6	37	89	19	42	19	20	33	24	8	39	93	20	60	79	20	60	42		
shuttle	(9	58000)	6	63	99	32	28	7	20	33	23	23	159	99	80	33	9	14	50	30		
soybean	(35	623)	6	63	88	32	9	5	25	25	25	16	71	89	36	22	1	9	12	10		
spambase	(57	4210)	6	63	75	32	37	12	16	33	19	15	143	91	72	76	98	7	58	25		
spect	(22	228)	6	45	82	23	60	51	20	50	35	6	15	86	8	87	98	50	83	65		
splice	(2	3178)	3	7	50	4	0	0	-	-	-	88	177	55	89	0	0	_	-	_		

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- Explanations (AXp's and CXp's) of XpG's computed in polynomial time

Example of XpG – DTs





Example of XpG – OMDDs

• OMBBD; point: (0, 1, 2); prediction R:



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[MGC+21]

Variable	Me	aning	Range			
$\kappa(\cdot) \triangleq M$	Stude	nt grade	$\in \{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$			
S	Fina	l score	$\in \{0, \dots, 10\}$			
Feat. id	Feat. var.	Feat. name	Domain			
1	Q	Quiz	$\{0, \dots, 10\}$			
2	Х	Exam	$\{0,\ldots,10\}$			
3	Н	Homework	$\{0,\ldots,10\}$			
4	R	Project	$\{0,\ldots,10\}$			

 $M = \mathsf{ITE}(\mathsf{S} \ge 9, \mathsf{A}, \mathsf{ITE}(\mathsf{S} \ge 7, \mathsf{B}, \mathsf{ITE}(\mathsf{S} \ge 5, \mathsf{C}, \mathsf{ITE}(\mathsf{S} \ge 4, \mathsf{D}, \mathsf{ite}(\mathsf{S} \ge 2, \mathsf{E}, \mathsf{F})))))$

$$S = \max\left[0.3 \times Q + 0.6 \times X + 0.1 \times H, R\right]$$

Also, $F \leq E \leq D \leq C \leq B \leq A$

And,
$$\kappa(\mathbf{x_1}) \leqslant \kappa(\mathbf{x_2})$$
 if $\mathbf{x_1} \leqslant \mathbf{x_2}$

Explaining monotonic classifiers

- Instance (\mathbf{v}, c)
- Domain for $i \in \mathcal{F}$: $\lambda(i) \leq x_i \leq \mu(i)$
- Idea: refine lower and upper bounds on the prediction
 - + \mathbf{v}_{L} and \mathbf{v}_{U}
- Utilities:
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 \succ Ensures: $\kappa(\mathbf{v}_{L}) = \kappa(\mathbf{v}_{U})$ $\succ \mathcal{S}$: Some possible seed

▷ Require: $\kappa(\mathbf{v}_{L}) = \kappa(\mathbf{v}_{U})$, given S▷ Loop inv.: $\kappa(\mathbf{v}_{L}) = \kappa(\mathbf{v}_{U})$

⊳ If invariant broken, fix it

+ Obs: $\mathcal{S} = \varnothing$ for computing a single AXp/CXp

Computing one AXp - example

- $\lambda(i) = 0$ and $\mu(i) = 10$
- + $\mathbf{v}=(10,10,5,0)$, with $\kappa(\mathbf{v})=\mathbf{A}$
- **Q**: find one AXp (CXp is similar)

Foat	Initial	values	Change	Predictions		Doc	Resulting values		
Teat.	\mathbf{v}_{L}	\mathbf{v}_{\cup}	\mathbf{v}_{L}	\mathbf{v}_{\cup}	$\kappa(\mathbf{v}_{L})$	$\kappa(\mathbf{v}_{U})$	Dec.	\mathbf{v}_{L}	\mathbf{v}_{\cup}
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- 4: if $\mathbb{P}(S \setminus \{i\})$ then
- 5: $\mathcal{S} \leftarrow \mathcal{S} \setminus \{i\}$
- 6: return \mathcal{S}

 \succ Initialization: $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{S})$ holds \succ Loop invariant: $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{S})$ holds

 $\succ \text{ Update } S \text{ only if } \mathbb{P}(S \setminus \{i\}) \text{ holds}$ $\succ \text{ Returned set } S: \mathbb{P}(S) \text{ holds}$



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- AXp is MHS of H_j sets: $\{1, 2, 3\}$



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- $\cdot\,$ Quiz: write down the constraints and confirm AXp with SAT solver

Questions?



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