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Interpretability

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What is interpretability?

Interpretability is the degree to which a human can understand the cause of a decision.

Miller, Tim. "Explanation in artificial intelligence: Insights from the social sciences." arXiv Preprint arXiv:1706.07269. (2017).

Interpretability is the degree to which a human can consistently predict the model's result.

Kim, Been, Rajiv Khanna, and Oluwasanmi O. Koyejo. "Examples are not enough, learn to criticize! Criticism for interpretability." Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (2016).

An interpretable machine learning model is a model that is easy to understand and explain to humans, such as domain experts or stakeholders. The model's output and reasoning can be easily interpreted, visualized, and communicated in a way that is transparent and accessible to non-experts. This is especially important in domains where accountability and fairness are critical, such as healthcare, finance, and justice. Interpretability can be achieved through various techniques such as decision trees, rule-based models, linear models, and feature importance analysis.

ChatGPT

Contrast

Law of gravity

$$\vec{F}_{21} = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{\left| \vec{r}_{21} \right|^2} \vec{r}_{21}$$

LHC event simulation



Computer program solving three-body problem



Neural network LHC detector simulation



My takes

- Interpretable
 - Parameters are defined independently of the particular system
 - In principle, can be evaluated by a human
 - Has a well-defined scope
- Non-interpretable
 - Parameters are fully specific to the system, no way adjust them for a new system aside from retraining
 - Can't possibly be evaluated by a human
 - No way to tell whether it works aside from testing

Why one wants interpretability?

- Build upon the extracted knowledge
- Guide model development
- Verify correctness

Inductive vs deductive reasoning

- Usual physical models are inductive: start with assumptions, build a complex system, ergo Geant4 and Pythia
 - They are not necessary ab initio
 - Theoretically, easy to trust: if the assumptions hold, the result is correct
 - In practice, validation fails with complexity, e.g. CERN MC
- ML models are deductive: start with data, generalize
 - Like human intuition
 - Really neat move from manual analysis to ML at CERN, cuts are essentially decision trees
 - Performance guarantees only on similarly-distributed data
 - Almost never the case in practice

ML mistakes have a cost





Uber self-driving car crashes dur US tests



 $+.007 \times$

"panda" 57.7% confidence



"nematode" 8.2% confidence

"gibbon" 99.3 % confidence

3. Robot injured a child

A so-called "crime fighting robot," created by the platform into a child in a Silicon Valley mall in July, injuring the 16-r

Chinese billionaire's face identified as jaywalker

Traffic police in major Chinese cities are using AI to address jaywalking. They deploy smart cameras using facial recognition techniques at intersections to detect and identify jaywalkers, whose partially obscured

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Is something missing? Is there any bias? Looking inside a model

Simple stuff like K Nearest Neighbors



Simple stuff like Linear models



"Why Should I Trust You? Explaining the Predictions of Any Classifier Ribeiro et al., KDD 2016

Simple stuff like **Decision Trees**



Survival on Titanic



Neural networks are not naturally interpretable



https://playground.tensorflow.org



Neighbors Linear Tree

Gradient Boosting

Neural Network

power

Power vs interpretability



power

Explanation by occlusion

Idea:

- Add noise to inputs and see what happens!
- For images: slide a gray square over the image, measure how it affects predictions



Explanation by occlusion

Idea:

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- For texts: drop individual words and measure how it affects predictions

senior developer aspnet, c, sql

my client are looking for a senior . net developer to join their team designing and developing business solutions with a focus on buildir

sales specialist iv access and infusion

sales representative medical sales iv access and infusion an access and infusion solutions . formally recognised as the nu

cleaning operative

12. 5 hours per week monday friday 9am 11. 30am duties to include staff toilets and rest room . must be able to read as they will be using

Predicting salary from job description https://www.kaggle.com/competitions/job-salary-prediction/data

Idea: use gradients! $\nabla_{x_i} model(x) = \frac{\partial model(x)}{\partial x_i}$

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Q: How would you fix that?

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Smoothgrad: average gradients over several noisy copies of x

(one of many heuristics)



Quick summary

Explaining models can be done by finding small changes that affect the output

HEP ideas:

- Occlusion of detector pads during reconstruction
- Occlusion of particles during signal selection

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> More: https://distill.pub https://poloclub.github.io https://karpathy.github.io

Don't trust yourself!

The method outputs a noisy image **you** see something reasonable should you be satisfied?

How can you **verify** the explanation?

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Idea: train a bogus model to see if the method can "explain" the fake model



Adebayo, Julius, et al. "Sanity checks for saliency maps." Advances in neural information processing systems 31 (2018).

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(a) Original Image

(b) Explaining Electric guitar (c) Explaining Acoustic guitar

(d) Explaining Labrador

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(b) Explanation

Left image: model mislabeled a husky dog as a wolf; explanation: snow :)

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Read more: arxiv.org/abs/1602.04938 arxiv.org/abs/1705.07874 arxiv.org/abs/1904.12991

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Game theorist's answer: Shapley values!

$$\phi_i(v) = \sum_{S \subseteq N \setminus \{i\}} \frac{|S|!(|N| - |S| - 1)!}{|N|!} (v(S \cup \{i\}) - v(S))$$

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Shapley(A) =
$$\frac{2}{6} \cdot 400 + \dots$$

+ $\frac{1}{6} \cdot (740 - 560) + \frac{1}{6} \cdot (780 - 720) + \frac{2}{6} \cdot (1000 - 990) = 180$


Explanation by game theory

SHAP = Shapley values for features + clever approximation State of the art in after-the-fact model explanation



Links:

- SHAP original paper: tinyurl.com/shap-paper (NeurIPS'17)
- SHAP explained by paper author: youtu.be/ngOBhhINWb8
- Shapley values in game theory: youtu.be/w9O0fkfMkx0

Frameworks

 SHAP - https://github.com/slundberg/shap (tensorflow, keras, pytorch, sklearn-like)
 ELI5 - https://github.com/TeamHG-Memex/eli5 (popular explainers for keras/tf, sklearn-like)



So far: explaining black-box models

Now: model-specific methods

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"Attention" weights:
$$a(x, \hat{x}_i) = \frac{e^{\langle f(x, theta), f(\hat{x}_i, theta) \rangle}}{\sum_{j=0}^{N} e^{\langle f(x, theta), f(\hat{x}_j, theta) \rangle}}$$

Prediction by averaging: $y^{pred}(x) = \sum_i \hat{y}_i \cdot a_i(x, \hat{x}_i)$

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Read more: KNN

arxiv.org/abs/1703.05175 arxiv.org/abs/1803.04765 arxiv.org/abs/1809.02847 $y^{pred}(x) = \sum_{i} \hat{y}_{i} \cdot a_{i}(x, \hat{x}_{i})$

Read more: Linear arxiv.org/abs/1705.08078 arxiv.org/abs/1806.07538

Taking it to the extreme

Paper: https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.11929

Vision Transformer (ViT)



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Paper: https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.14294



View attention maps: https://epfml.github.io/attention-cnn/

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Statistical (aleatoric) uncertainty "I know there's randomness"



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Approach B: train an *ensemble* of predictors Predictors agree = familiar data Predictors disagree = unfamiliar data

More: tinyurl.com/ uncertainty-ensembles





Uncertainty from dropout

Idea:

measure how robust does your network perform under noise

Example (left): use dropout and estimate variance



Systematic uncertainty for different input images, source: arXiv:1506.02142

Read more in the paper or in a blog post

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- Inference: sample from weight distributions, predict 1 "sample"
- To get distribution, aggregate K samples (e.g. with histogram)
- Yes, it means running network **multiple times per one X**

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- Learn parameters of that distribution (reparameterization trick)
- Less variance: local reparameterization trick.

$$\phi = \operatorname{argmax}_{\phi} E_{x_i, y_i \sim d} E_{\theta \sim q(\theta|\phi)} P(y_i | x_i, \theta)$$

wanna explicit formulae? d = dataset

Evidence Lower bound

$$-KL(q(\theta|\phi)||p(\theta|d)) = -\int_{\theta} q(\theta|\phi) \cdot \log \frac{q(\theta|\phi)}{p(\theta|d)}$$

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$$-\int_{\theta} q(\theta|\phi) \cdot \log \frac{q(\theta|\phi)}{\left[\frac{p(d|\theta) \cdot p(\theta)}{p(d)}\right]} = -\int_{\theta} q(\theta|\phi) \cdot \log \frac{q(\theta|\phi) \cdot p(d)}{p(d|\theta) \cdot p(\theta)}$$

$$-\int_{\theta} q(\theta|\phi) \cdot \left[\log \frac{q(\theta|\phi)}{p(\theta)} - \log p(d|\theta) + \log p(d)\right]$$

 $\begin{bmatrix} E_{\theta \sim q(\theta|\phi)} \log p(d|\theta) \end{bmatrix} - KL(q(\theta|\phi) || p(\theta)) + \log p(d)$ loglikelihood -distance to prior +const

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Can we perform gradient ascent directly?

Reparameterization trick

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Use reparameterization trick

simple formula (for normal q)

BNN likelihood

$$E_{\theta \sim N(\theta \mid \mu_{\phi}, \sigma_{\phi})} \log p(d \mid \theta) = E_{\psi \sim N(0,1)} \log p(d \mid (\mu_{\phi} + \sigma_{\phi} \cdot \psi))$$

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Estimating uncertainty: 1. sample weights several times 2. predict by averaging outputs 3. uncertainty = standard deviation



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Read more...

Papers on uncertainty

bayesian neural networks: blog post prior networks: arxiv.org/abs/1802.10501 batchnorm: arxiv.org/abs/1802.04893 dropout: arxiv.org/abs/1506.02142 video stuff: youtube.com/watch?v=HRfDiqgh6CE

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aka "seeing for yourself what's in your data"

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Your data has 200 dimensions... any ideas?

Idea:

• Linearly project data to lower-dim space

$$X \approx (X \times W_1) \times W_2$$

Minimize MSE



 $argmin_{W_1,W_2} \| X - (X \times W_1) \times W_2 \|$

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Q: What if linear projection is not enough? deep autoencoders... or better

Manifold learning

Idea: let's directly "learn" 2d point coordinates

Multidimensional Scaling

try preserving pairwise distances

$$\hat{x} = argmin_{\hat{x}} \frac{2}{N^2 - N} \sum_{i \neq j} (\|x_i - x_j\| - \|\hat{x}_i - \hat{x}_j\|)^2$$



Stochastic Neighborhood Embedding

try preserving neighbor "probabilities"

$$P_{j|i} = \frac{e^{-\|x_i - x_j\|_2^2}}{\sum_k e^{-\|x_k - x_j\|_2^2}}$$

- large for nearest neighbors
- small for distant points
- adds up to 1
- $\hat{P}_{j|i} = \frac{e^{-\|\hat{x}_i \hat{x}_j\|_2^2}}{\sum e^{-\|\hat{x}_k \hat{x}_j\|_2^2}} \quad \text{same as P}$ but in learned space k

 - optimize crossentropy w.r.t. \hat{x}

$$\hat{x} = argmin_{\hat{x}} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i} \sum_{j} P_{j|i} \cdot \log \hat{P}_{j|i}$$

T-SNE

Like SNE from prev slide, but

• P is now Student's t-distribution

$$\hat{P}_{j|i} = \frac{(1 + \|\hat{x}_i - \hat{x}_j\|_2^2)^{-1}}{\sum_{k \neq l} (1 + \|\hat{x}_k - \hat{x}_l\|_2^2)^{-1}}$$

- A lot of optimization hacks
- By far the most popular method



Read More: Original paper Interactive demo

T-SNE + deep encoder



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T-SNE + deep encoder (CIFAR10)





T-SNE + deep encoder (atari DQN)



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Thank you

[question time!]