

# Interpretable Machine Learning

## SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanation) Values



### Learning goals

- Get an intuition of additive feature attributions
- Understand the concept of Kernel SHAP
- Ability to interpret SHAP plots
- Global SHAP methods

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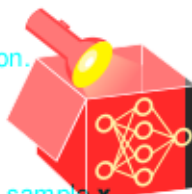
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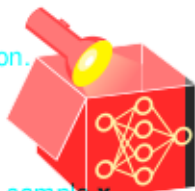
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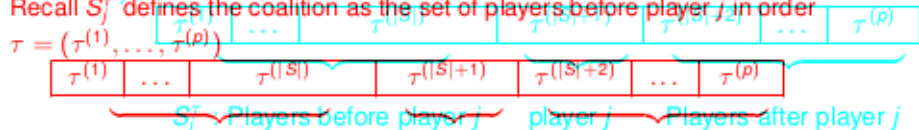
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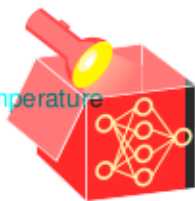
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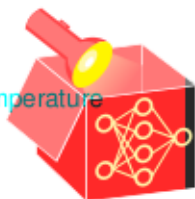
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## Exact Shapley calculation for humidity:

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$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$ hum	hum	4635	2/6	2/6
temp	temp, hum	temp, hum	3060	1/6	1/6
ws	ws, hum	ws, hum	4450	1/6	1/6
temp, ws	hum, temp, ws	hum, temp, ws	2623	2/6	2/6

$$\phi_{hum} = \frac{2}{6}(4635 - 4515) + \frac{1}{6}(3060 - 3087) + \frac{1}{6}(4450 - 4359) + \frac{2}{6}(2573 - 2623) = 34$$

# FROM SHAPLEY TO SHAP

Example continued Same calculation can be done for temperature and windspeed:

$$\phi_{temp} = \dots = 1654.54$$

$$\phi_{ws} = \dots = 323.23$$

Remember: Shapley values explain difference between actual and average pred.:

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$$2573 - 4515 = 34 - 1654 - 323 = -1942$$

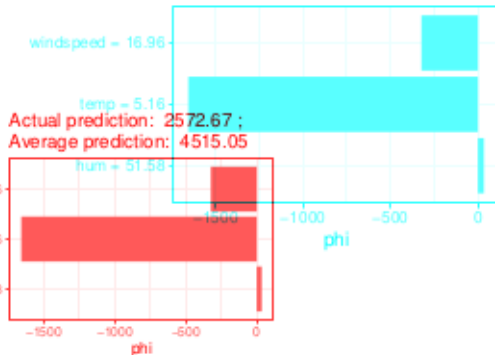
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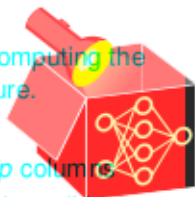
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can be rewritten to

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}(\hat{f})}_{\phi_0} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}(\hat{f})}_{\phi_0} + \phi_{hum} + \phi_{temp} + \phi_{ws} + \phi_{ws}$$

Actual prediction: 2572.67 ;  
Average prediction: 4515.05





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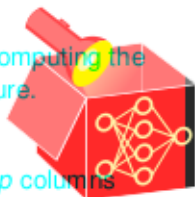
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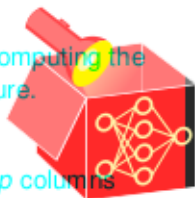
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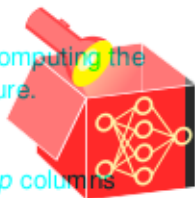
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Average Model  
Baseline ( $\mathbb{E}(\hat{f})$ )

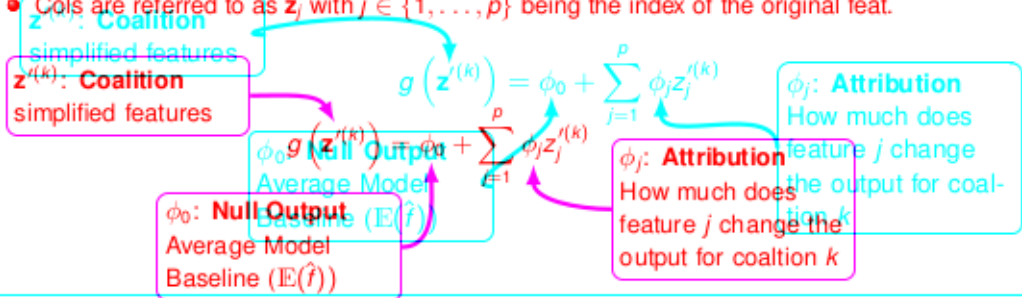


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$g(\mathbf{z}^{(k)})$ : Marginal Contribution of coalition  $\mathbf{z}^{(k)}$  to the prediction

$$g(\mathbf{z}^{(k)}) = \phi_0 + \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j z_j^{(k)}}_{\text{Additive Feature Attribution}}$$

$\phi_j$ : Shapley Values

## Problem

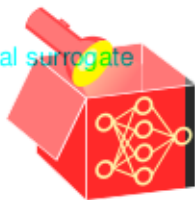
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# PROPERTIES SHAP - IN 5 STEPS

**Local Accuracy** kernel-based, model-agnostic method to compute Shapley values via local surrogate models (e.g. linear model)

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**Intuition:** If the coalition includes all features ( $\mathbf{x}' \in \{1\}^p$ ), the attributions  $\phi_j$  and the null output  $\phi_0$  sum up to the original model output  $f(\mathbf{x})$

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4 Fit a weighted linear model

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# PROPERTIES - IN 5 STEPS

## Local Accuracy

- Sample  $K$  coalitions from the simplified feature space

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$$\mathbf{z}^{(k)} \in \{0, 1\}^p, \quad k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$$

## Missingness

- For our simple example, we have in total  $2^3 = 8$  coalitions (without sampling)

**Intuition:** A missing feature gets an attribution of zero.

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# PROPERTIES AP - IN 5 STEPS

## Local Accuracy Transfer Coalitions into feature space & get predictions by applying ML model

- $\mathbf{z}^{(k)}$  is 1 if features are part of the  $k$ -th coalition, 0 if they are absent
- To calculate predictions for these coalitions, we need to define a function which maps the binary feature space back to the original feature space

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$$x'_j = 0 \implies \phi_j = 0$$

## Consistency

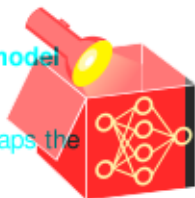
$\hat{f}_x(\mathbf{z}^{(k)}) = \hat{f}(h_x(\mathbf{z}^{(k)}))$  and  $\mathbf{z}_{-j}^{(k)}$  denote setting  $z_j^{(k)} = 0$ . For any two models  $\hat{f}$  and  $\hat{f}'$ , if

$$\hat{f}'_x(\mathbf{z}^{(k)}) - \hat{f}'_x(\mathbf{z}_{-j}^{(k)}) \geq \hat{f}_x(\mathbf{z}^{(k)}) - \hat{f}_x(\mathbf{z}_{-j}^{(k)})$$

for all inputs  $\mathbf{z}^{(k)} \in \{0, 1\}^p$ , then

$$\phi_j(\hat{f}', \mathbf{x}) \geq \phi_j(\hat{f}, \mathbf{x})$$

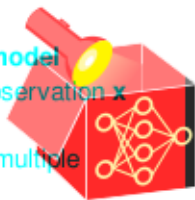
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hum	$\mathbf{z}^{(2)}$	1	0	0	$\mathbf{x}^{\{\text{hum}\}}$	51.6	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
temp	$\mathbf{z}^{(3)}$	0	1	0	$\mathbf{x}^{\{\text{temp}\}}$	$\emptyset$	5.1	$\emptyset$
ws	$\mathbf{z}^{(4)}$	0	0	1	$\mathbf{x}^{\{\text{ws}\}}$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	17.0
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- Define  $h_x(\mathbf{z}^{(k)}) = \mathbf{z}^{(k)}$  where  $h_x : \{0, 1\}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  maps 1's to feature values of observation  $\mathbf{x}$  for features part of the  $k$ -th coalition and 0's to feature values of a for features absent in the  $k$ -th coalition (feature values are permuted multiple times)



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- Predict with ML model on this dataset  $x_j = 0 \implies \phi_j = 0(h_x(\mathbf{z}^{(k)}))$

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temp	$\mathbf{z}^{(3)}$	0	1	0	$\mathbf{z}^{(3)}$	51.6	5.1	17.0	3295
ws	$\mathbf{z}^{(4)}$	0	0	1	$\mathbf{z}^{(4)}$	51.6	5.1	17.0	5762
hum, temp	$\mathbf{z}^{(5)}$	1	1	0	$\mathbf{z}^{(5)}$	51.6	5.1	17.0	2616
temp, ws	$\mathbf{z}^{(6)}$	0	1	1	$\mathbf{z}^{(6)}$	51.6	5.1	17.0	2900
hum, ws	$\mathbf{z}^{(7)}$	1	0	1	$\mathbf{z}^{(7)}$	51.6	5.1	17.0	5411
hum, temp, ws	$\mathbf{z}^{(8)}$	1	1	1	$\mathbf{z}^{(8)}$	51.6	5.1	17.0	2573

**Intuition:** If a model changes so that the marginal contribution of a feature value increases or stays the same, the Shapley value also increases or stays the same

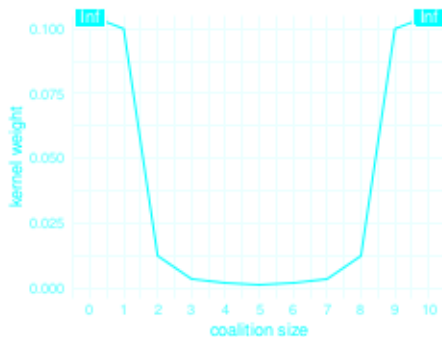
From consistency the Shapley axioms of additivity, dummy and symmetry follow



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The diagram illustrates the formula for the kernel weight  $\pi_x(\mathbf{z}^{(k)})$ . The formula is:

$$\pi_x(\mathbf{z}^{(k)}) = \frac{(p-1)}{\binom{p}{|\mathbf{z}^{(k)}|} |\mathbf{z}^{(k)}| (p - |\mathbf{z}^{(k)}|)}$$

Callouts explain the variables:

- $\pi_x(\mathbf{z}^{(k)})$ : kernel weight for coalition  $\mathbf{z}^{(k)}$
- $p$ : Number of features in  $\mathbf{x}$
- $|\mathbf{z}^{(k)}|$ : coalition size / sum of 1s in  $\mathbf{z}^{(k)}$

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$$\pi_x(\mathbf{z}') = \frac{(\rho - 1)}{\binom{\rho}{|\mathbf{z}'|} |\mathbf{z}'| (\rho - |\mathbf{z}'|)} \rightsquigarrow \pi_x(\mathbf{z}' = (1, 0, 0)) = \frac{(3 - 1)}{\binom{3}{1} 1 (3 - 1)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

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↪ weights for empty and full set are infinity and not used as observations for the linear regression

↪ instead constraints are used such that properties (local accuracy and missingness) are satisfied

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## Step 4: Fit a weighted linear model

Aim: Estimate a weighted linear model with Shapley values being the coefficients  $\phi_j$

$$g(\mathbf{z}^{(k)}) = \phi_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j z_j^{(k)}$$

and minimize by WLS using the weights  $\pi_x$  of step 3

$$L(\hat{f}, g, \pi_x) = \sum_{k=1}^K \left[ \hat{f}(h_x(\mathbf{z}^{(k)})) - g(\mathbf{z}^{(k)}) \right]^2 \pi_x(\mathbf{z}^{(k)})$$

with  $\phi_0 = \mathbb{E}(\hat{f})$  and  $\phi_p = \hat{f}(x) - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \phi_j$  we receive a  $p - 1$  dimensional linear regression problem


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$\mathbf{z}^{(3)}$	0	1	0	0.33	3087
$\mathbf{z}^{(4)}$	0	0	1	0.33	4359
$\mathbf{z}^{(5)}$	1	1	0	0.33	3060
$\mathbf{z}^{(6)}$	0	1	1	0.33	2623
$\mathbf{z}^{(7)}$	1	0	1	0.33	4450

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## Step 5: Return SHAP values

**Intuition:** Estimated Kernel SHAP values are equivalent to Shapley values

$$g(\mathbf{z}'^{(8)}) = \hat{f}(h_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{z}'^{(8)})) = 4515 + 34 \cdot 1 - 1654 \cdot 1 - 323 \cdot 1 = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}(\hat{f})}_{\phi_0} + \phi_{hum} + \phi_{temp} + \phi_{ws} = \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = 2573$$



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for all inputs  $\mathbf{z}^{(k)} \in \{0, 1\}^p$ , then

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**Intuition:** If a model changes so that the marginal contribution of a feature value increases or stays the same, the Shapley value also increases or stays the same

From **consistency** the Shapley **axioms of additivity, dummy and symmetry** follow

## Idea:

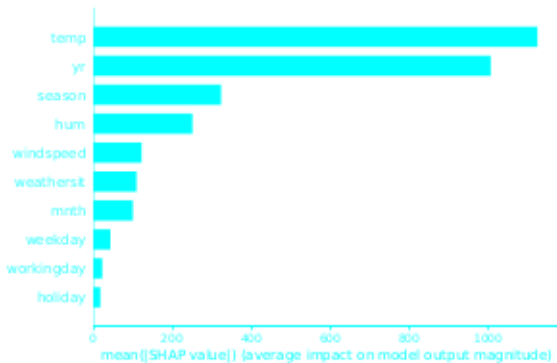
- Run SHAP for every observation and thereby get a matrix of Shapley values
- The matrix has one row per data observation and one column per feature
- We can interpret the model globally by analyzing the Shapley values in this matrix

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{11} & \phi_{12} & \phi_{13} & \dots & \phi_{1p} \\ \phi_{21} & \phi_{22} & \phi_{23} & \dots & \phi_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_{n1} & \phi_{n2} & \phi_{n3} & \dots & \phi_{np} \end{bmatrix}$$

# FEATURE IMPORTANCE

**Idea:** Average the absolute Shapley values of each feature over all observations. This corresponds to calculating averages column by column in  $\Phi$

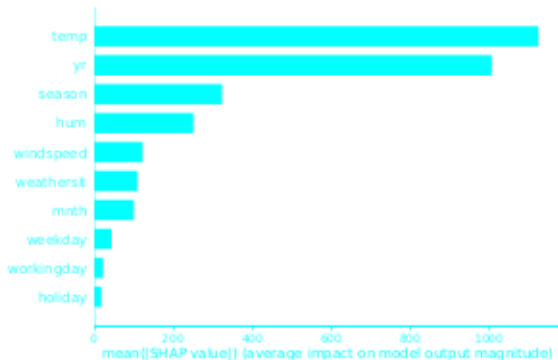
$$I_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |\phi_j^{(i)}|$$



# FEATURE IMPORTANCE

## Interpretation:

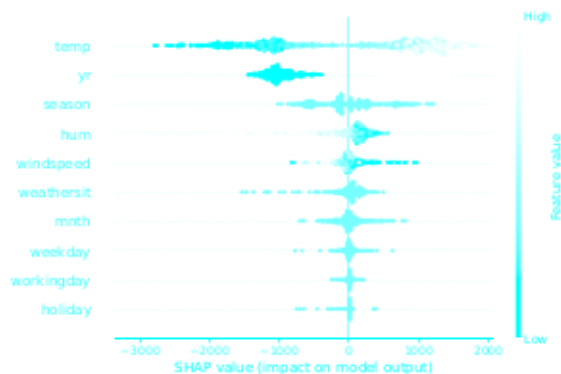
- The features temperature and year have by far the highest influence on the model's prediction
- Compared to Shapley values, no effect direction is provided, but instead a feature ranking similar to PFI
- However, Shapley FI is based on the model's predictions only while PFI is based on the model's performance (loss)



# SUMMARY PLOT

Combines feature importance with feature effects

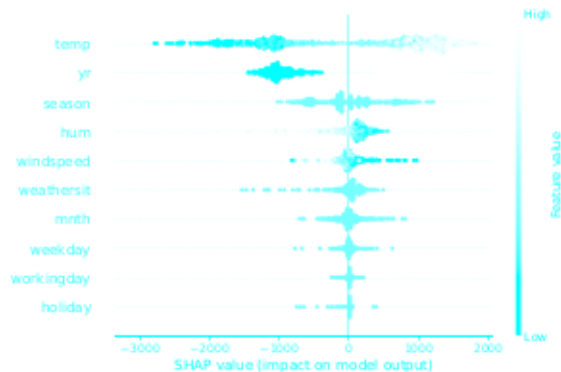
- Each point is a Shapley value for a feature and an observation
- The color represents the value of the feature from low to high
- Overlapping points are jittered in y-axis direction



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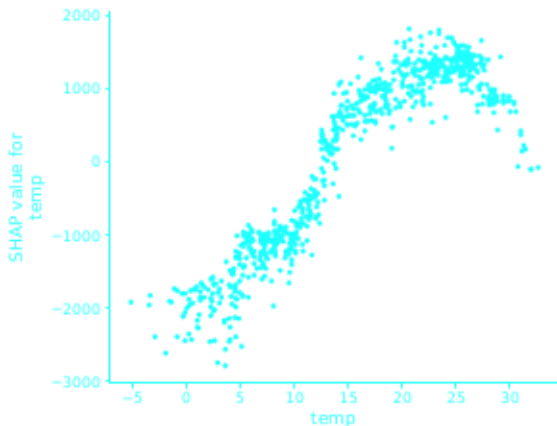
- Low temperatures have a negative impact while high temperatures lead to more bike rentals
- Year: two point clouds for 2011 and 2012 (other categorical features are gray)
- A high humidity has a huge, negative impact on the bike rental, while low humidity has a rather minor positive impact on bike rentals





## DEPENDENCE PLOT

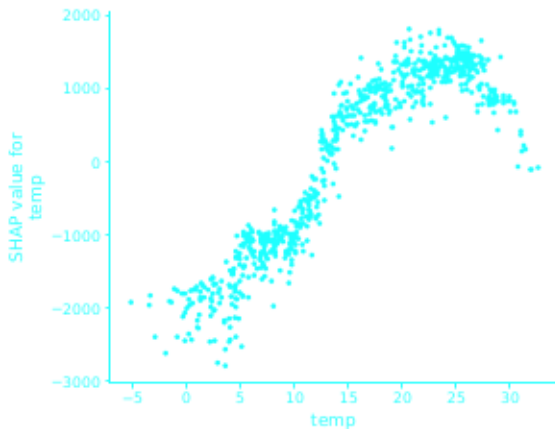
- Visualize the marginal contribution of a feature similar to the PDP
- Plot a point with the feature value on the x-axis and the corresponding Shapley value on the y-axis



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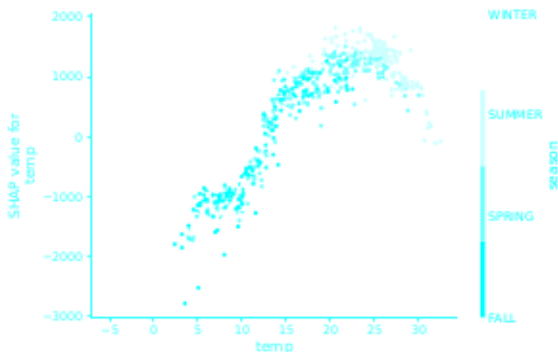
- Increasing temperatures induce increasing bike rentals until 25° C
- If it gets too hot, the bike rentals decrease



# DEPENDENCE PLOT

## Interpretation:

- We can colour the observations by a second feature to detect interactions
- Visibly the temperatures interaction with the season is very strong



# DISCUSSION

## Advantages

- All the advantages of Shapley values
- Unify the field of interpretable machine learning in the class of additive feature attribution methods
- Has a fast implementation for tree-based models
- Various global interpretation methods

## Disadvantages

- Disadvantages of Shapley values also apply to SHAP
- KernelSHAP is slow (TreeSHAP can be used as a faster alternative for tree-based models [▶ Lundberg et al 2018](#) – and for an intuitive explanation [▶ see Sukumar: TreeSHAP](#))
- KernelSHAP ignores feature dependence