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## Brief Introduction to Explainable/Interpretable AI

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## What is Interpretability?

"Interpretability is the degree to which a human can understand the cause of a decision" or in other terms "Interpretability is the degree to which a human can consistently predict the model's result." <sup>[1]</sup>

- Higher the interpretability of a machine learning model, the easier it is for someone to comprehend why certain decisions or predictions have been made
- A model is better interpretable than another model if its decisions are easier for a human to comprehend



## Interpretability vs Explainability

- Interpretability focuses on understanding the model
- Explainability focuses on explaining models reasoning
- Interpretability -> Explainability



## **Post-hoc: Local Explanations: LIME**<sup>[2]</sup>



- Constructs data based on local small scale perturbations around a selected point
- Constructs simple linear model g(.), trained on perturbed data
- Explanations are feature importance/contribution in making certain decision

$$\mathcal{L}(f, g, \pi_x) = \sum_{z, z' \in \mathcal{Z}} \pi_x(z) \left( f(z) - g(z') \right)^2$$

[2] Ribeiro, M.T., Singh, S. and Guestrin, C., 2016, August. "Why should i trust you?" Explaining the predictions of any classifier. In Proceedings of the 22nd ACM SIGKDD international conference on knowledge discovery and data mining (pp. 1135-1144).

### **Post-hoc: Local Explanations: LIME**



### **Post-hoc: Local Explanations: GradCAM**<sup>[4]</sup>



[4] Selvaraju, R.R., Cogswell, M., Das, A., Vedantam, R., Parikh, D. and Batra, D., 2017. Grad-cam: Visual explanations from deep networks via gradient-based localization. In Proceedings of the IEEE international conference on computer vision (pp. 618-626).

#### Post-hoc: Local Explanations: GradCAM



(a) Original Image (b) Cat Counterfactual exp (c) Dog Counterfactual exp

## Post-hoc: Hybrid Explanations: Dissection<sup>[3]</sup>



[3] Bau, D., Zhou, B., Khosla, A., Oliva, A. and Torralba, A., 2017. Network dissection: Quantifying interpretability of deep visual representations. In Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition (pp. 6541-6549).

## **Post-hoc: Hybrid Explanations: Dissection**



### **Post-hoc: Hybrid Explanations: SimplEx**<sup>[5]</sup>



# **Post-hoc: Hybrid Explanations: Counterfactuals**<sup>[6]</sup>

- "What-if" explanations
- what region in the image made the model predict class *c* instead of class *c*'?

minimize  $||a||_1$ 

s.t.  $c' = \operatorname{argmax} g((\mathbb{1} - \mathbf{a}) \circ f(I) + \mathbf{a} \circ Pf(I'))$  $a_i \in \{0, 1\} \ \forall i \ \text{and} \ P \in \mathcal{P}$ 

 $f(I^*)$ Pf(I')1 - af(I)a 0 Counterfactual Inverted Query Image Gating Rearranged Image Features Gating Vector Features Vector Distractor Features



Figure 4. In our exhaustive best-edit search, we check all pairs of query-distractor spatial locations and select whichever pair maximizes the log probability of the distractor class c'.

# Post-hoc: Hybrid Explanations: Semi-factuals<sup>[7]</sup>

- "Even-if" explanations
- Even if the feature value is changed from *a* to *b* the image would still be classified as *c*
- This paper proposes a gradient based method to find the decision boundary



#### **Post-hoc: Global Explanations: FeatureVis**<sup>[8]</sup>

$$x^{*} = rg\max_{x} \left( \Phi_{k,l}\left(x
ight) - R_{ heta}\left(x
ight) - \lambda \|x\|_{2}^{2} 
ight)$$

$$R_{TV}\left(I
ight) = \sum_{k=0}^{c} \sum_{u=0}^{h} \sum_{v=0}^{w} ([I\left(u,v+1,k
ight) \ - I\left(u,v,k
ight)] + [I\left(u+1,v,k
ight) - I\left(u,v,k
ight)])$$

$$L\left(x,s
ight) = \sum_{i}\sum_{j}\left(k\left(x_{i},x_{j}
ight) + k\left(s_{i},s_{j}
ight) - 2k\left(x_{i},s_{j}
ight)
ight)$$

- Mechanistic form of interpretability
- Hand engineer an explainable model by interpreting trained complex model

#### **Post-hoc: Global Explanations: FeatureVis**



## **Post-hoc: Global Explanations: Circuits**<sup>[9]</sup>



[9] Olah, C., Mordvintsev, A. and Schubert, L., 2017. Feature visualization. Distill, 2(11), p.e7.

### **Post-hoc: Global Explanations: TACE**<sup>[10]</sup>



## Ante-hoc: Neuro-Symbolic<sup>[11]</sup>



[11] Stammer, W., Schramowski, P. and Kersting, K., 2021. Right for the right concept: Revising neuro-symbolic concepts by interacting with their explanations. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (pp. 3619-3629).

#### Ante-hoc: Debate



## **Desired Properties for Explanations**

#### • Faithfulness:

- Measures the contribution of a model in making model specific explanations
- An explanation is faithful to the model if it represents the true reasoning process of the model

- Stability:
  - Measures variability across runs
  - Model is supposed to follow same reasoning for similar examples

- Robustness:
  - Measures the effect of small scale perturbations on explanations

- Coherence :
  - Measures the degree of contradicting reasoning made by a model

#### **Desired Properties for Explanations**

Methods	faithfulness	stability	Coherence	Robustness
Dissection	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×
GradCAM	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×	×
SHAP	$\checkmark$	X	×	×
LIME	$\checkmark$	X	×	×
TACE	X	X	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Counter/Semi factuals	×	$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×

#### **Questions?**