

Reasoning-Based Learning of Interpretable ML Models

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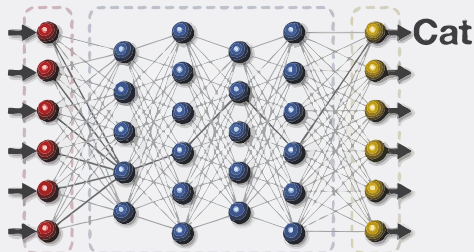
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eXplainable AI

Machine Learning System



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Current Explanation


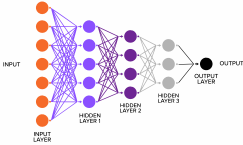




This is a cat:

- It has fur, whiskers, and claws.
- It has this feature:



XAI Explanation

Why? Status quo...

	A parrot	Machine learning algorithm
Learns random phrases		
Doesn't understand s**t about what it learns		
Occasionally speaks nonsense		

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posthoc explanation of ML models **“on the fly”**

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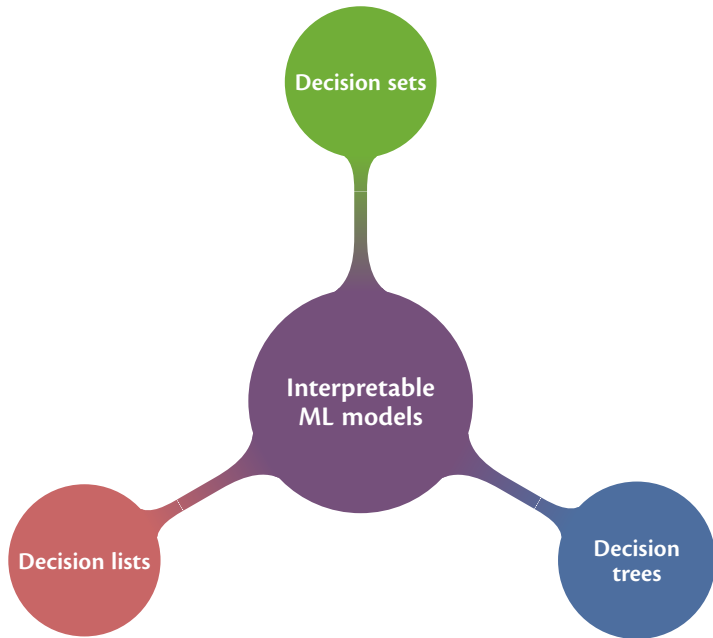
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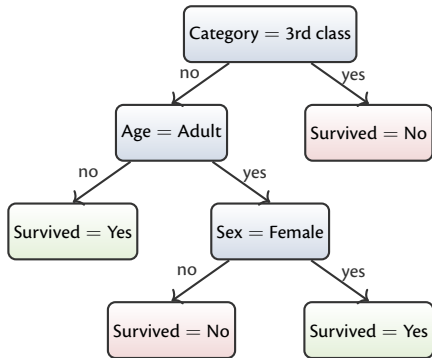


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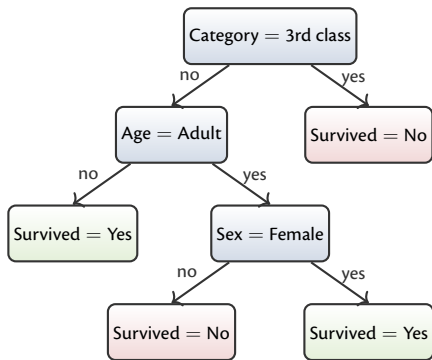
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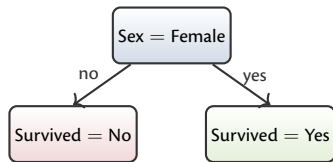


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sparse DT for *Titanic* dataset
(training accuracy 33.05%)

Reasoning-based approaches to decision trees

	model		unbounded depth	engine					
	perfect	sparse		MIP	CP	SAT	MaxSAT	DP	B-n-B
<i>Nijssen et al., 2007</i>		✓						✓	
<i>Bessiere et al., 2009</i>	✓				✓	✓			
<i>Bertsimas et al., 2017</i>		✓		✓					
<i>Verwer et al., 2017</i>		✓		✓					
<i>Narodytska et al., 2018</i>	✓		✓			✓			
<i>Verwer et al., 2019</i>		✓		✓					
<i>Hu et al., 2019</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓
<i>Zhu et al., 2020</i>		✓		✓+					
<i>Janota et al., 2020</i>	✓		✓			✓			
<i>Avellaneda et al., 2020</i>	✓		✓			✓+			
<i>Hu et al., 2020</i>	✓		✓				✓+		
<i>Verhaeghe et al., 2020</i>		✓			✓			✓	
<i>Aglin et al., 2020</i>		✓						✓	✓
<i>Demirovic et al., 2020</i>		✓						✓+	

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IF	Category = 1st class	THEN	Survived = Yes
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(training accuracy 70.69%)

Reasoning-based approaches to decision lists

	model		criterion		optimality	classification		engine				symmetry
	perfect	sparse	rules	literals	guarantee	binary	arbitrary	MIP	SAT	MaxSAT	B-n-B	breaking
<i>Angelino et al., 2017a</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓				
<i>Angelino et al., 2017b</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓					✓	✓
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	perfect	sparse	rules	lex	literals	single class	all classes	single run	two phases	IP	SAT	MaxSAT	LS
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<i>Lakkaraju et al., 2016</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓					✓
<i>Ignatiev et al., 2018</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	
<i>Malioutov et al., 2018</i>		✓			✓-	✓		✓				✓	
<i>Dash et al., 2018</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓		✓			
<i>Ghosh et al., 2019</i>		✓			✓-	✓		✓				✓	
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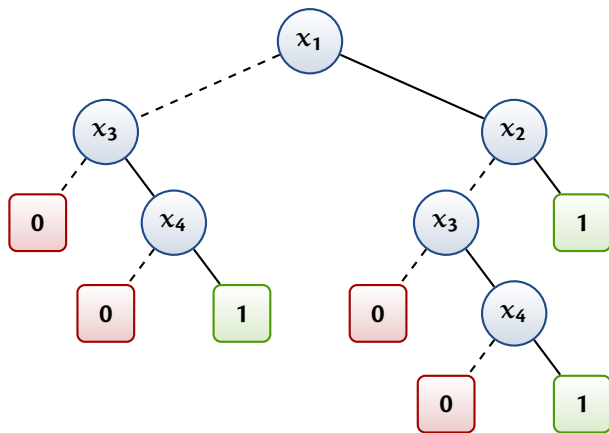
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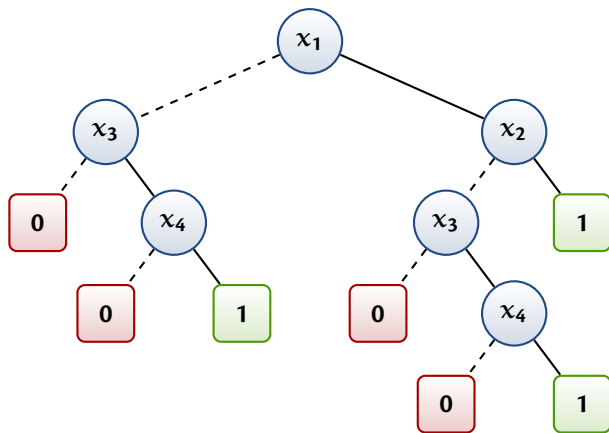
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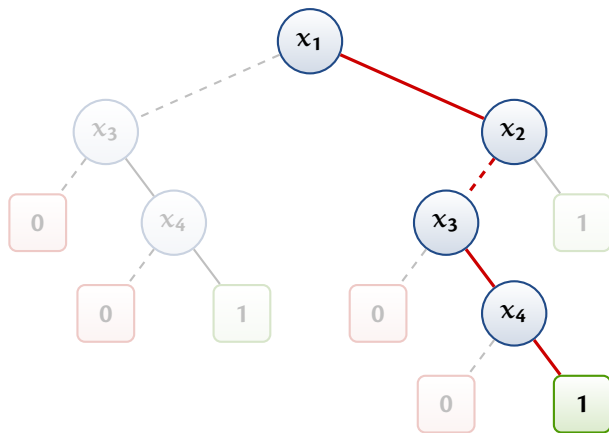
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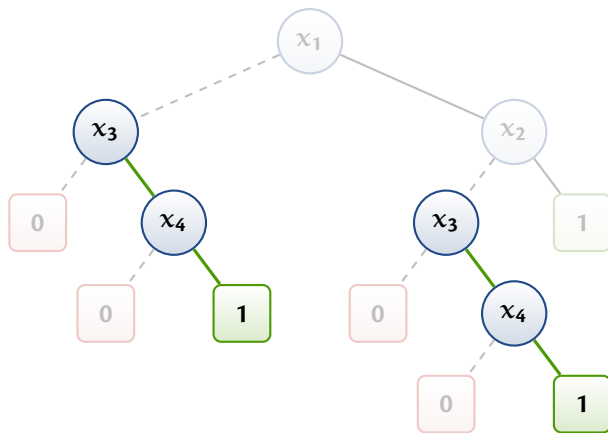
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actual explanation $x_3 = 1 \wedge x_4 = 1$, i.e. 2 literals

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- **AXps for DTs – in polytime!**

- *not the case for DLs and DSs!*

Thank you!