

# Data Mining 2

## Topic 08 : eXplainable AI

### Lecture 01 : eXplainable AI

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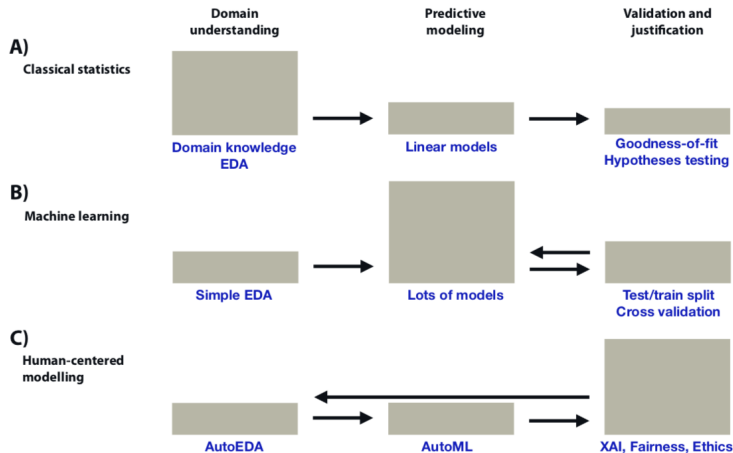
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#### Outline

- Explainable AI (XAI)

## 1. eXplainable Artificial Intelligence

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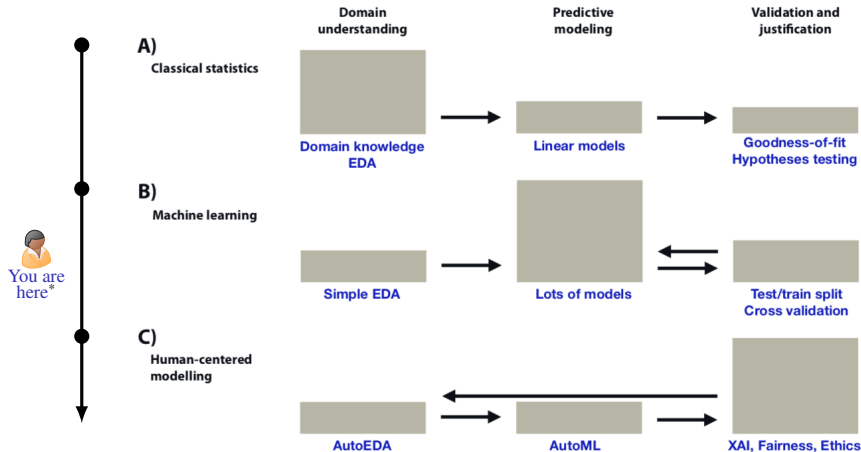
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“With great power there must also come great responsibility”

— Peter Parker principle, Marvel Comics<sup>†</sup>

- Predictive models are only as good as the data they are trained on:
  - Google’s image object identification was trained on a dataset of predominantly white people — resulting in classifying some black people as gorillas. (WSJ, July 2015)
  - Nikon S630, Hewlett-Packard’s MediaSmart web camera, ...
- Mass adoption of (the more “effective”) models means that pre-existing systematic biases are propagated and become more baked in.
  - Amazon’s same-day delivery service was unavailable for ZIP codes in predominantly black neighbourhoods — correlated to areas affected by mortgage redlining in the 1960s. (Bloomberg, 2016)
  - Amazon developed an internal recruiting recommendation engine but was initially trained on male dominated data and even after subsequent attempts to remove gender the model learnt to use proxies for gender (membership of women’s tennis etc, or ‘male oriented’ verbs). (Reuters, 2019)
- Decisions made by models are harder to refute (Think Little Britain’s “Computer says ‘NO’ ”)
  - Software that assessed the risk of recidivism in criminals was twice as likely to mistakenly flag black defendants as being at a higher risk of committing future crimes. (ProPublica, 2016)

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The chance of AI reaching the intelligence of humans before the end of next year is many times greater than the chance of Mr. Musk discovering his own humanity and empathy



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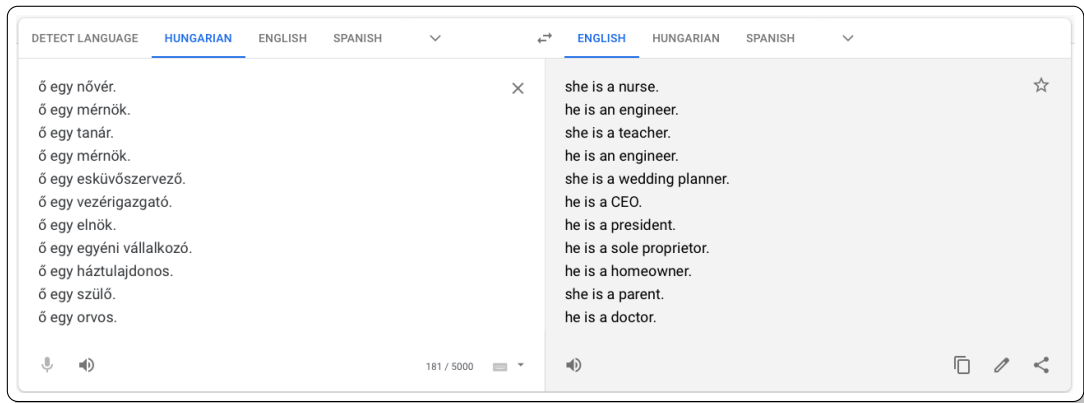
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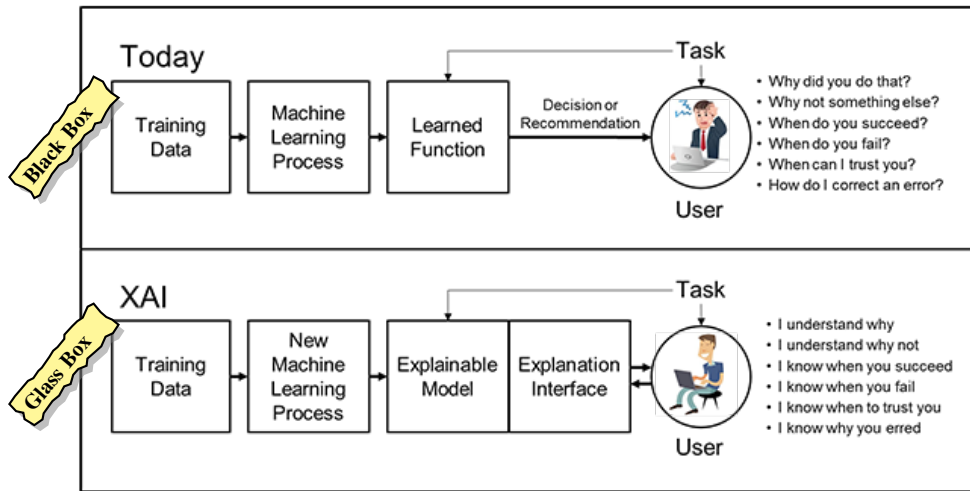
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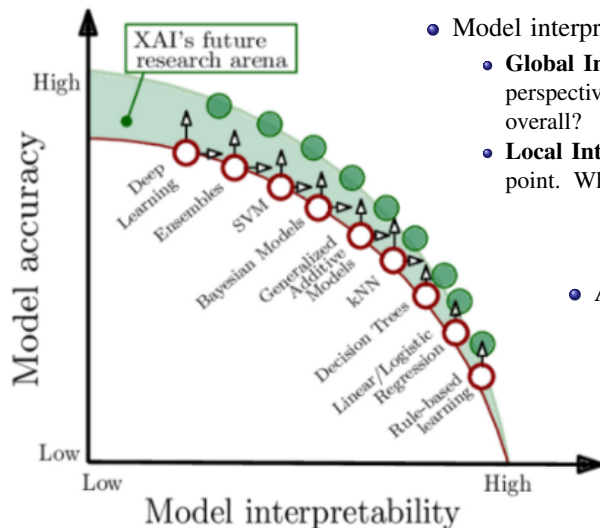
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# The need for XAI<sup>§</sup>



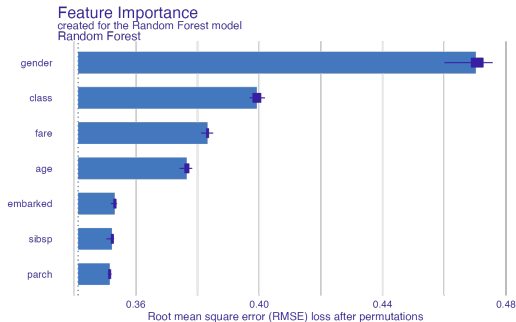
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# Accuracy vs Interpretability Trade Off

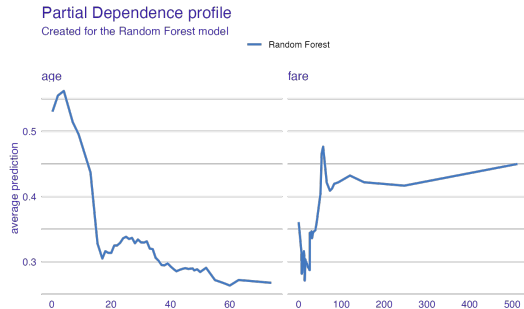


- Model interpretability can be examined in two levels:
  - **Global Interpretation** examines the model from an over all perspective. Which features are important and how important overall?
  - **Local Interpretation** is focused on a individual observation/data point. What features contributed to this prediction?
- Active area of research and development:
  - **LIME**  
Local Interpretable Model-Agnostic Explanations
  - **SHAP**  
Shapley Additive Explanations
  - **DALEX**  
[moDel Agnostic Language for Exploration and eXplanation](#)
  - ...

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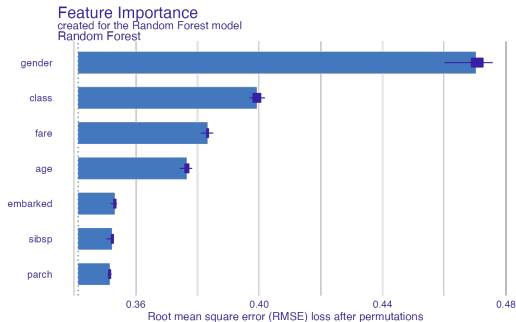


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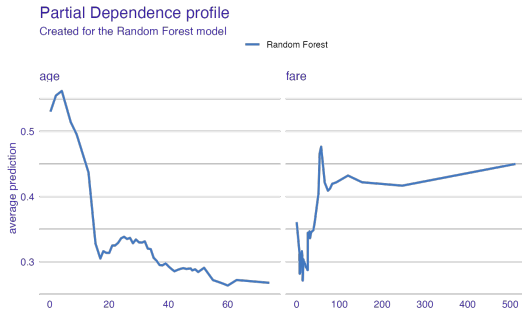


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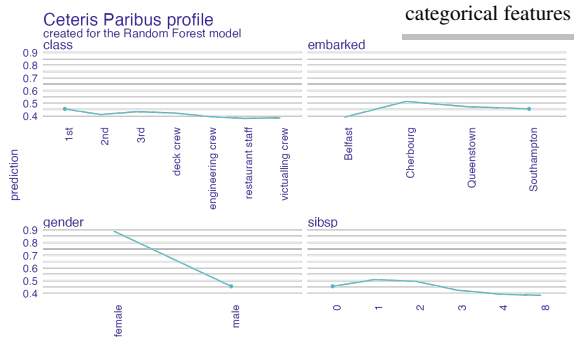
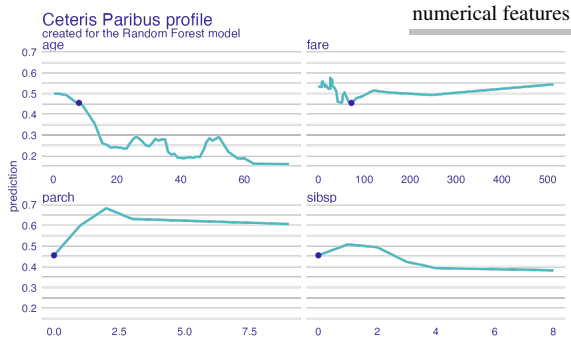
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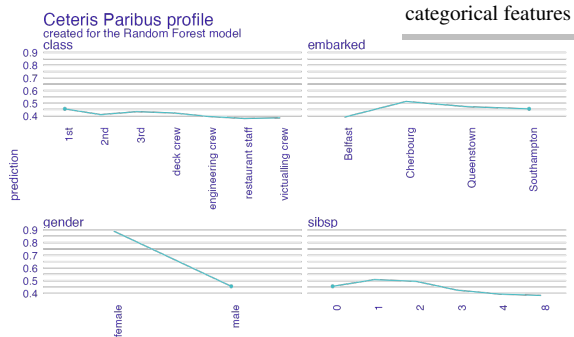
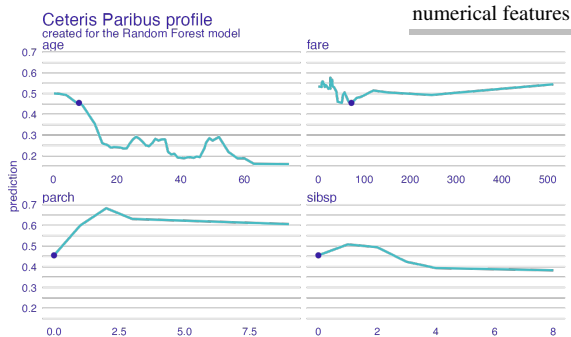


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