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Lecture 05

Interpretable Deep Learning

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What is Interpretability?

AlphaGo vs. Lee Sedol



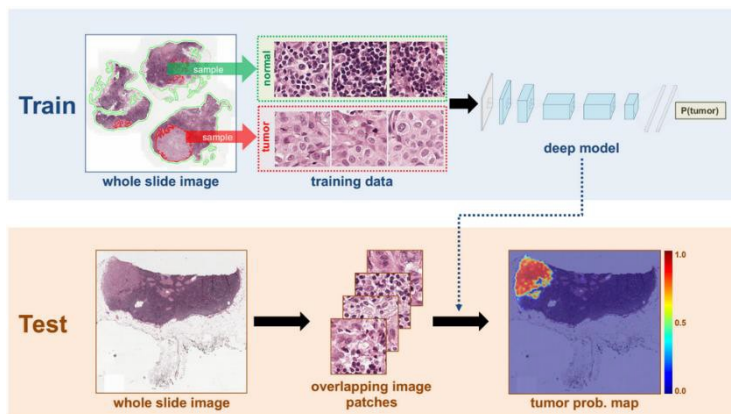
ImageNet Challenge



Self-driving Cars



Disease Diagnosis



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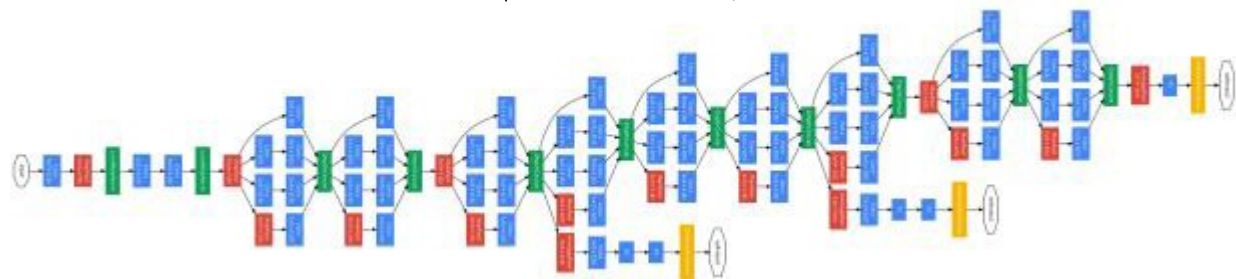
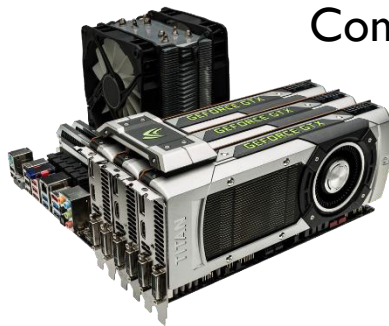
& More to Come!

What is Interpretability?

Large Dataset



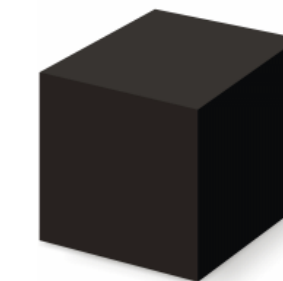
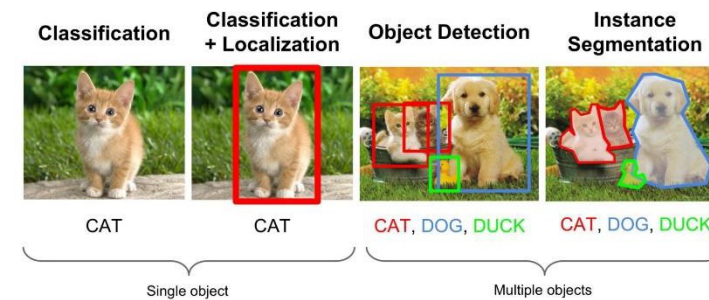
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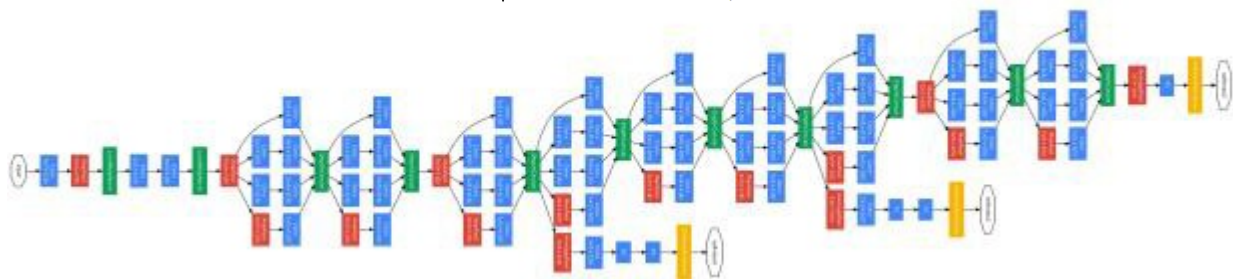
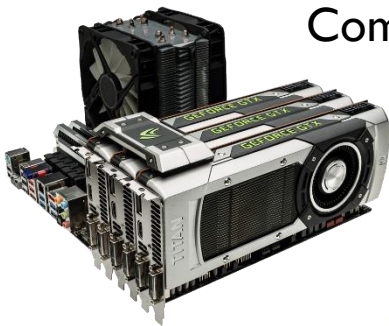
Implicit Information

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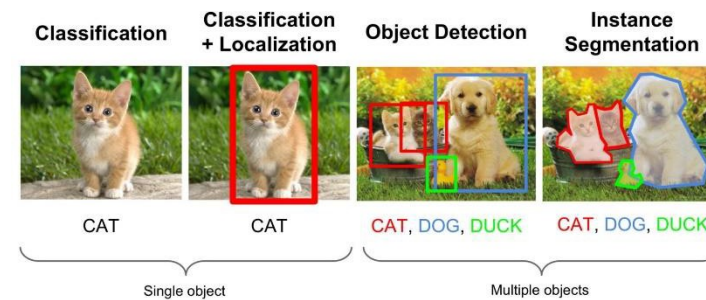
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Interpretable Information

Conversion

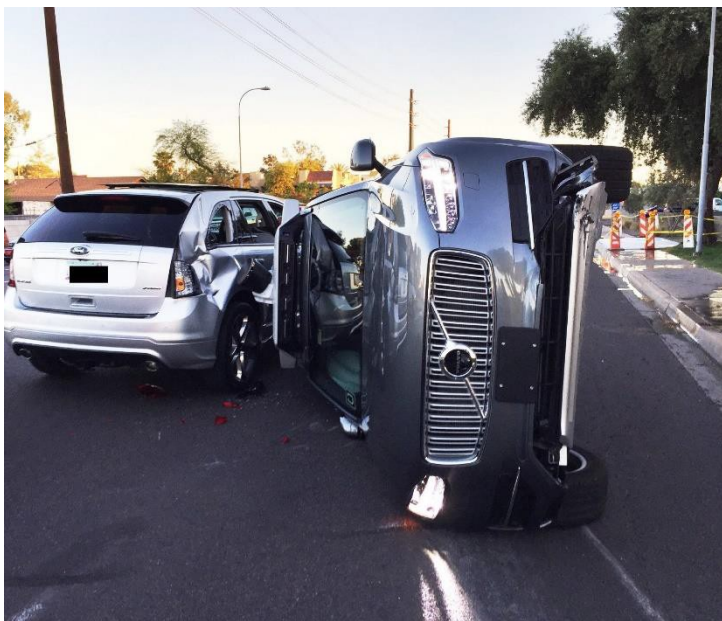
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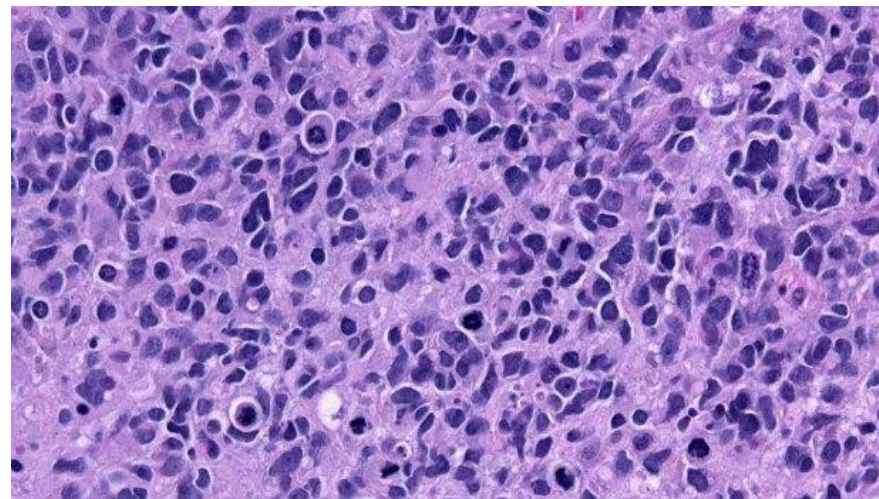
I. Verify that model works as expected

Wrong decisions can be costly and dangerous

Self-driving Uber kills Arizona woman in first fatal crash involving pedestrian

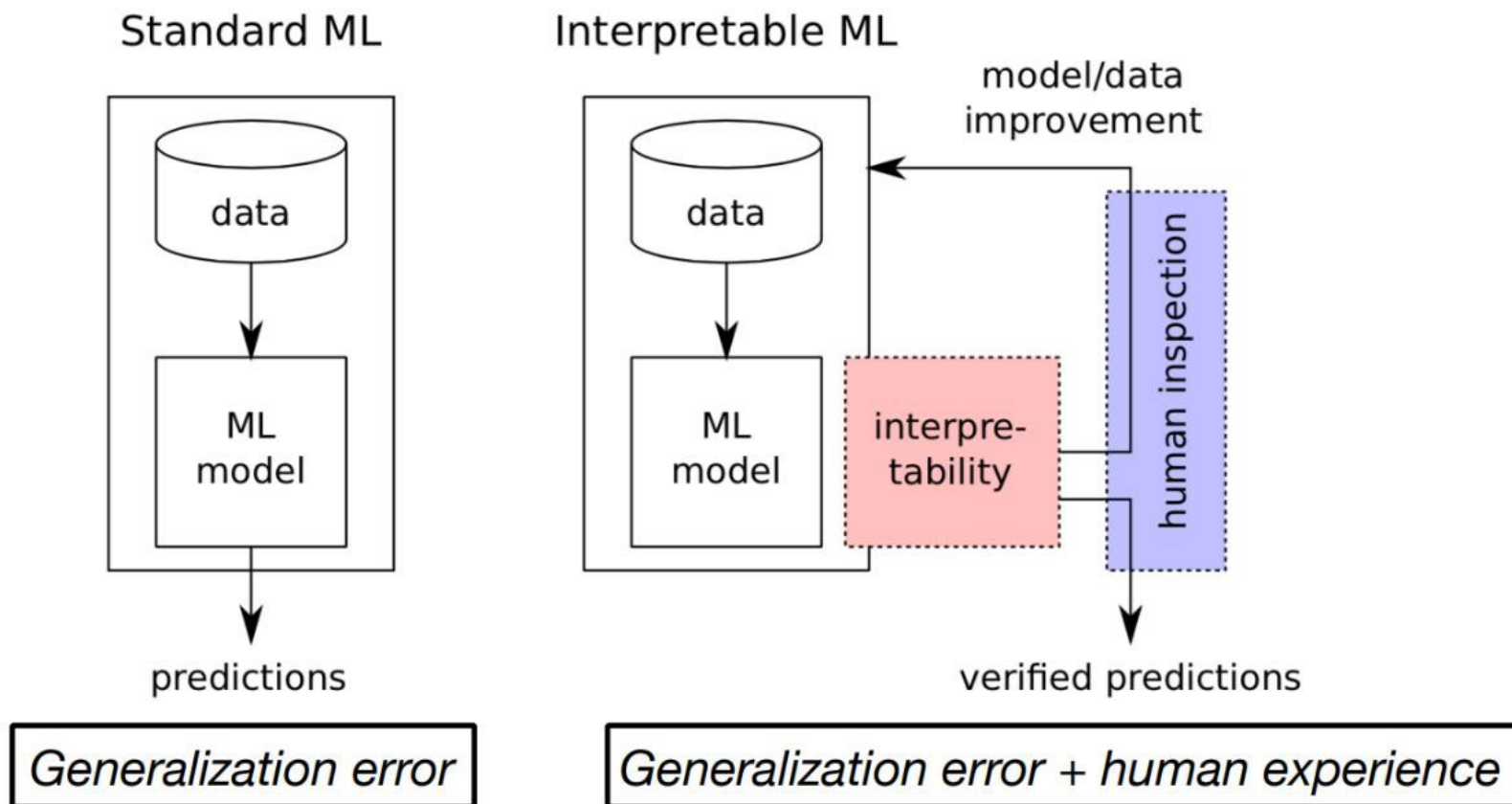


Disease Misclassification



Why Interpretability?

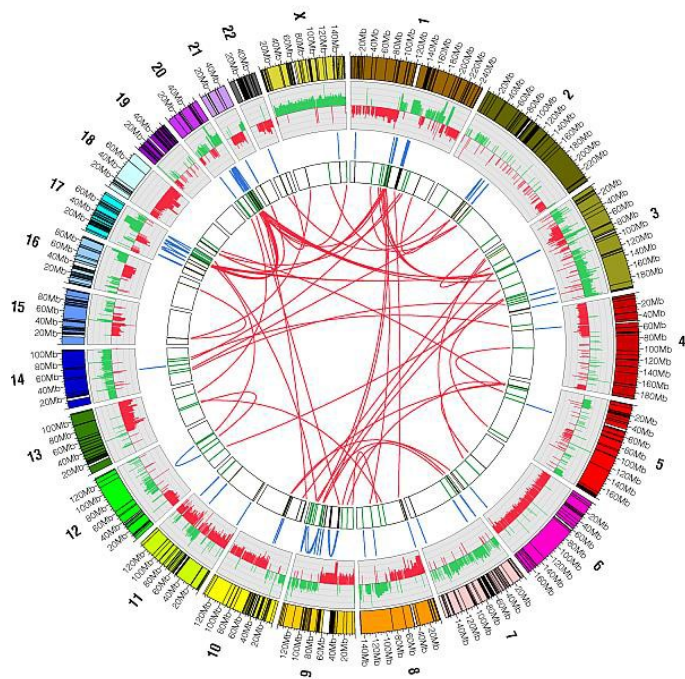
2. Improve / Debug classifier



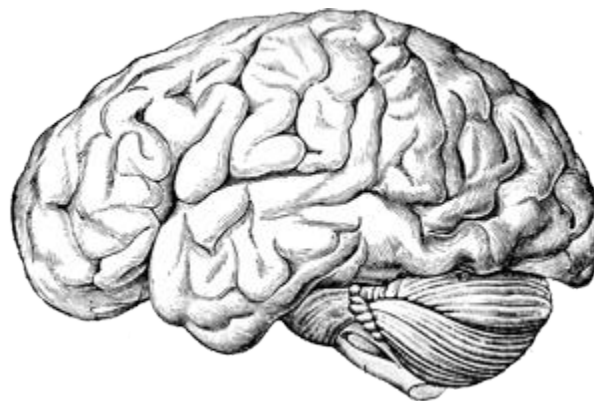
Why Interpretability?

3. Make new discoveries

Learn about the physical / biological / chemical mechanisms



Learn about the human brain



Why Interpretability?

4. Right to explanation

“Right to be given an explanation for an output of the algorithm”

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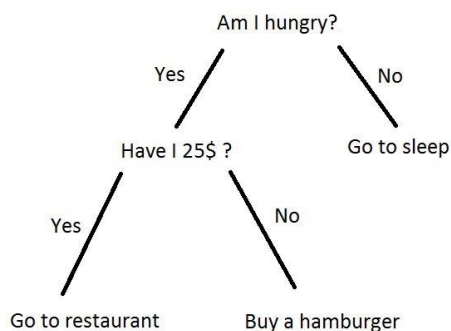
- US Equal Credit Opportunity Act
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Types of Interpretability in ML

Ante-hoc Interpretability

Choose an interpretable model and train it.

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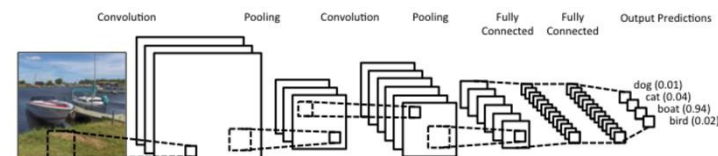
Decision Tree

Problem. Is the model expressive enough to predict the data?

Post-hoc Interpretability

Choose a complex model and develop a special technique to interpret it.

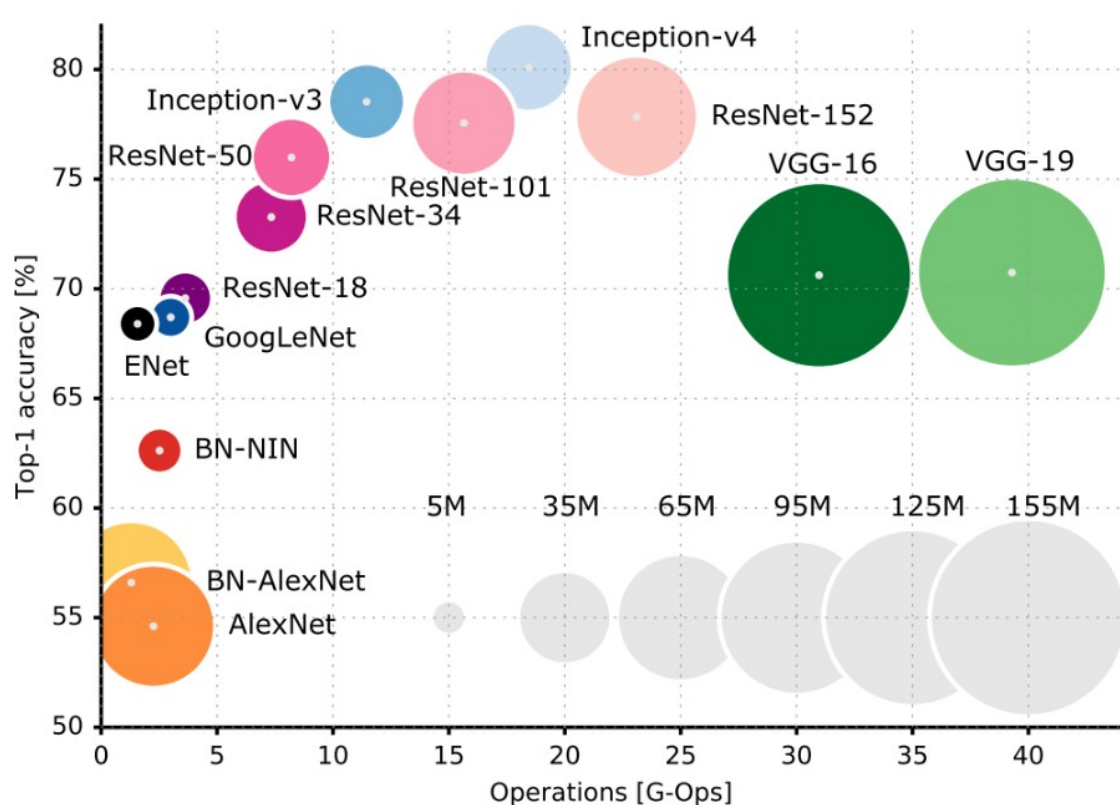
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Problem. How to interpret millions of parameters?

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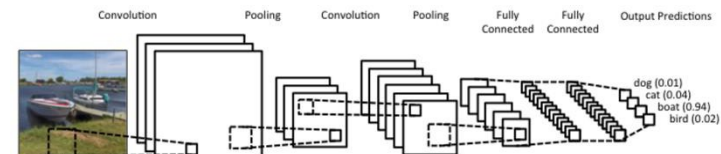


At least **5 million** parameters!

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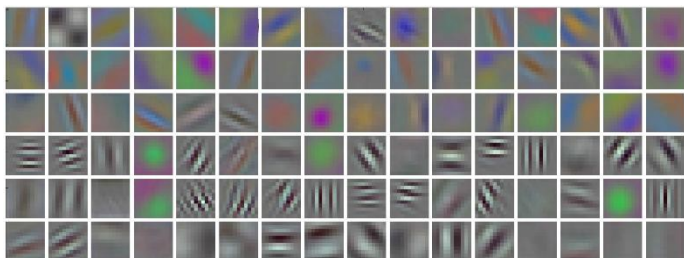
Post-hoc interpretability techniques
can be classified by degree of “locality”

Model

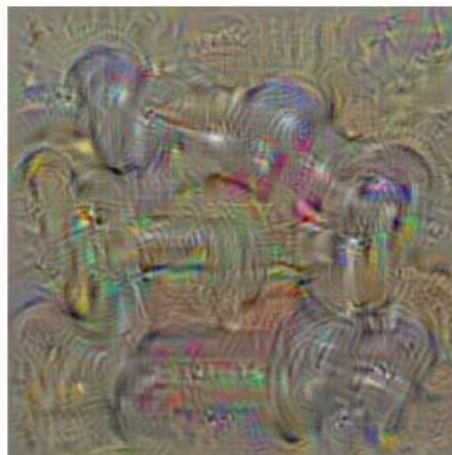
Input



What representations have
the DNN learned?

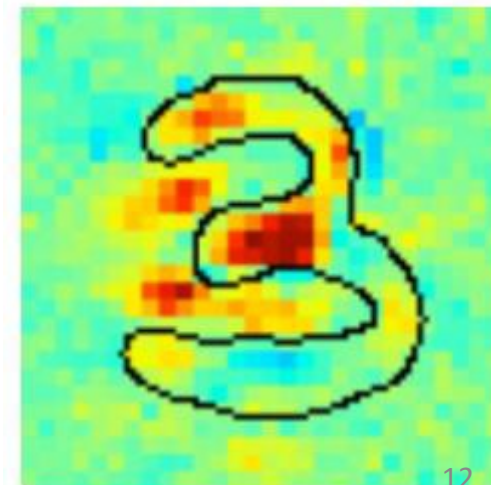


What pattern / image maximally
activates a particular neuron?

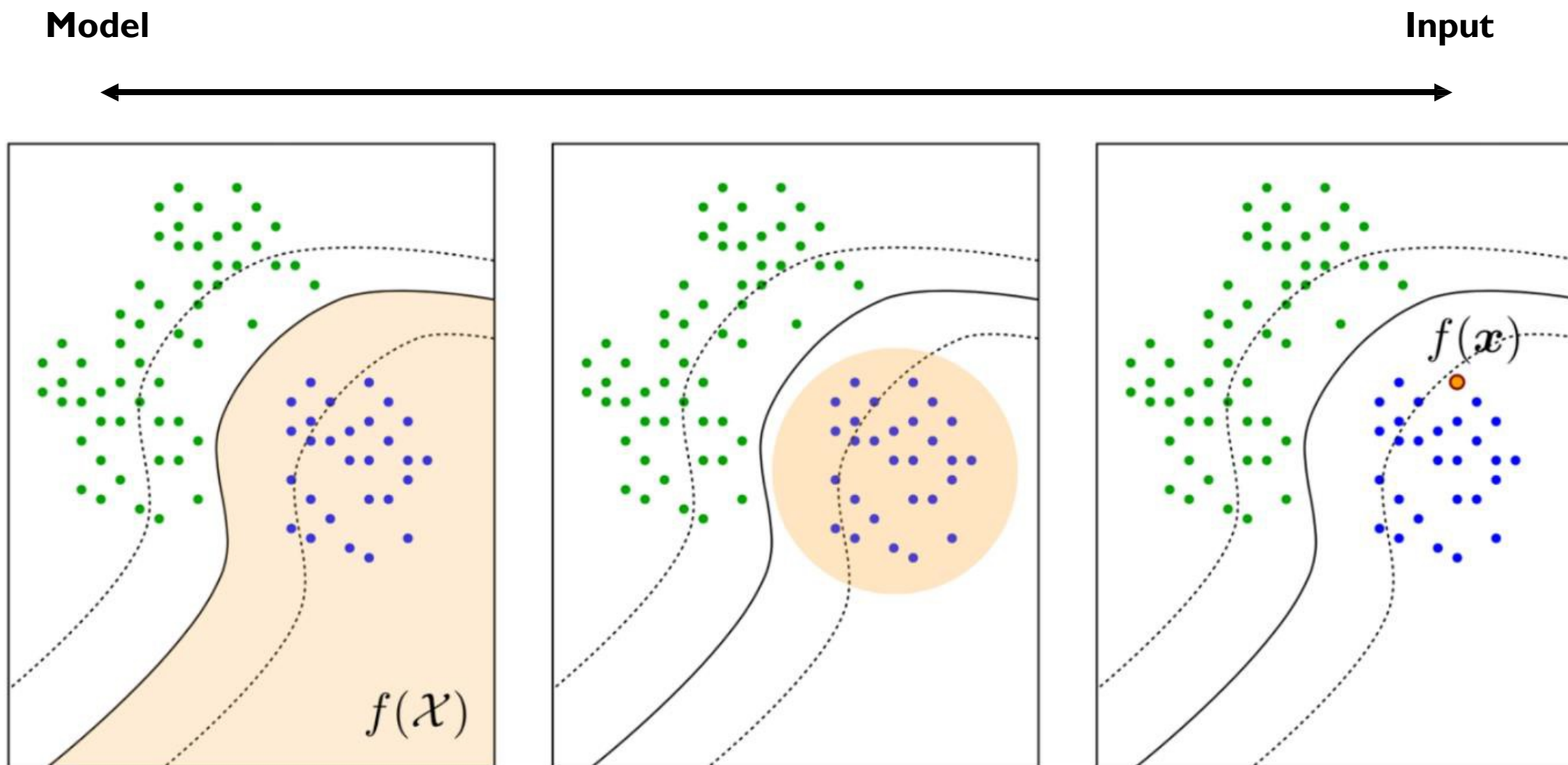


dumbbell

Explain why input x has
been classified as $f(x)$.



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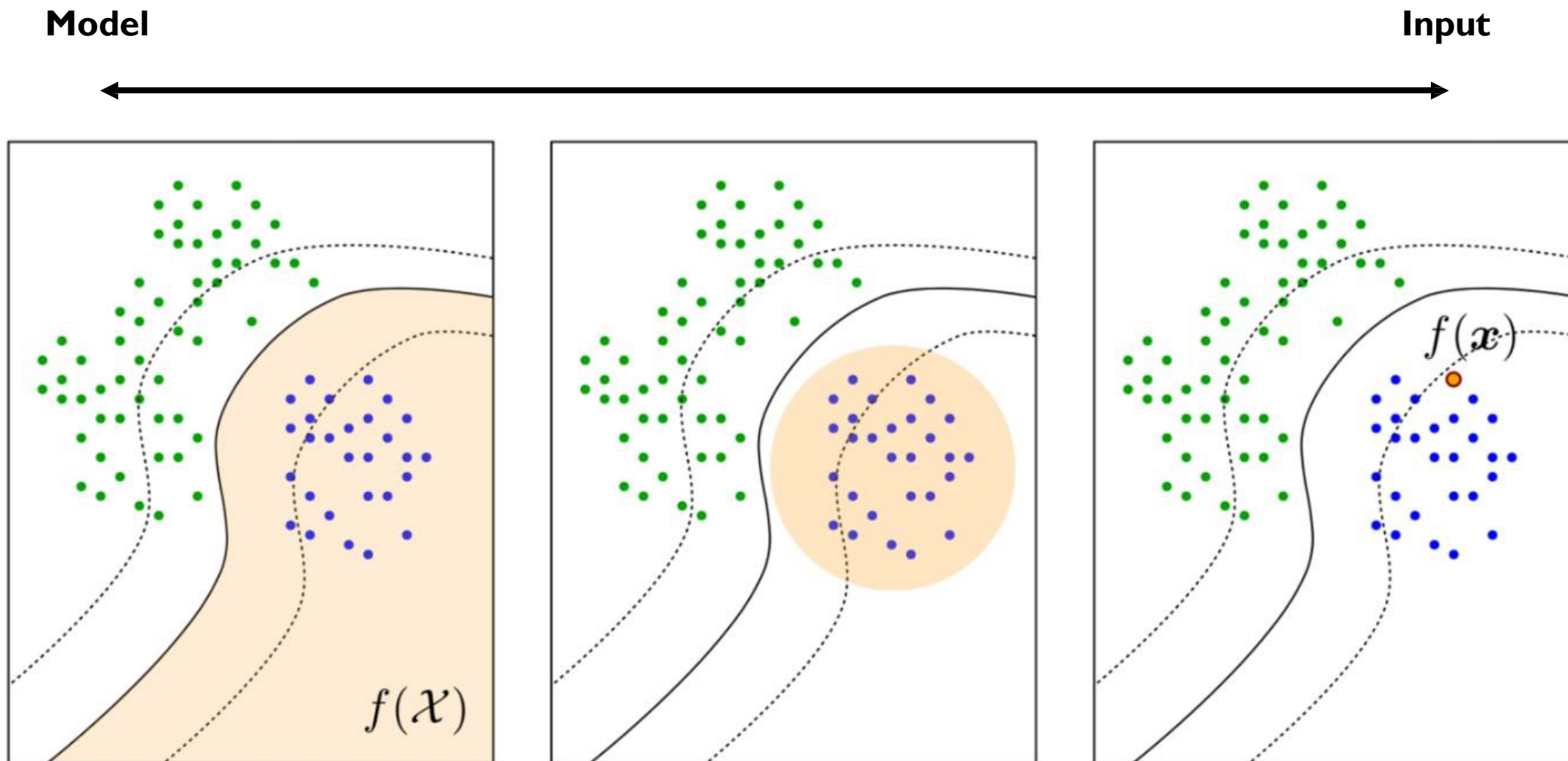
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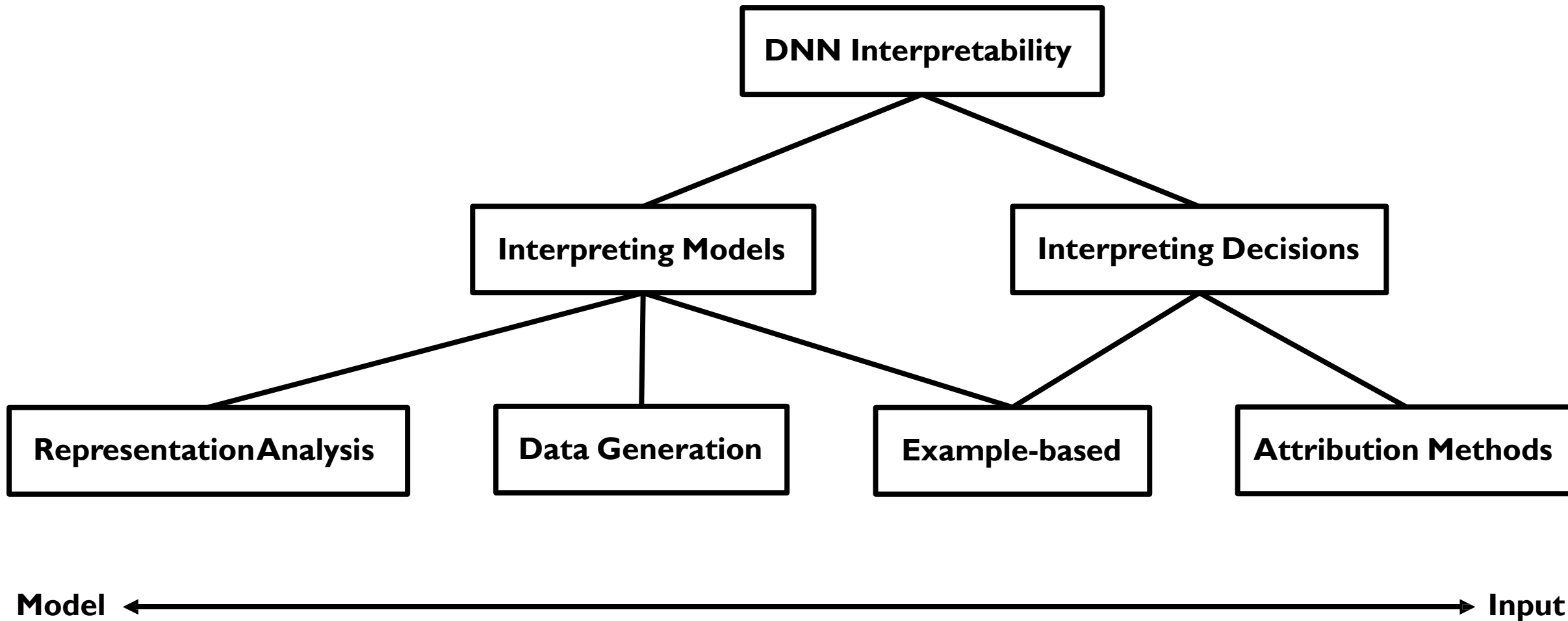
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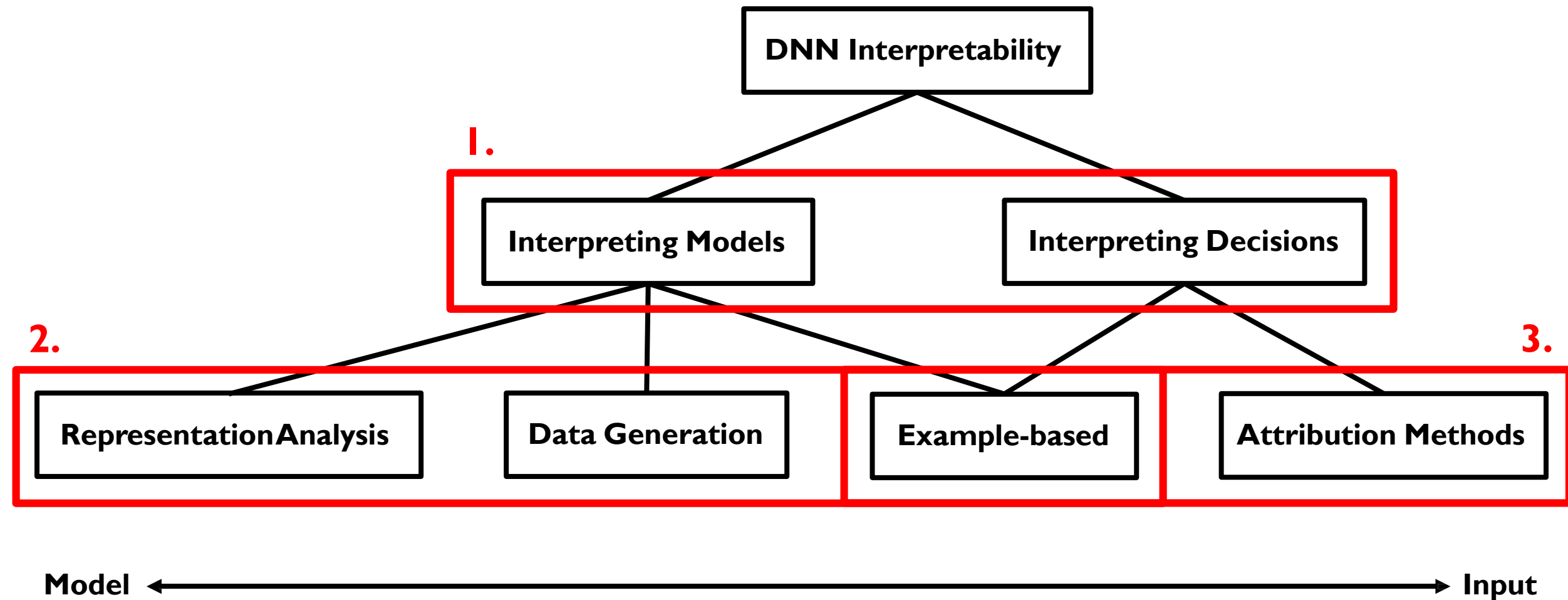
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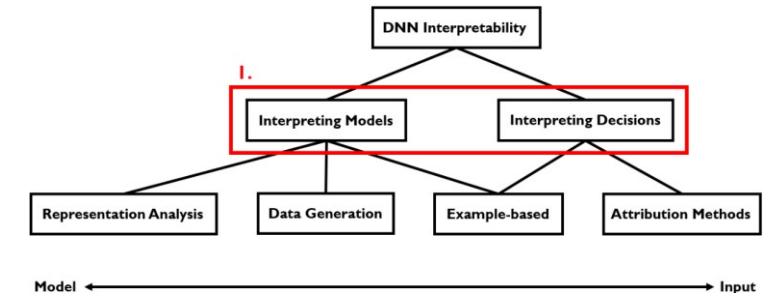
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Interpreting Models (Macroscopic)

- “Summarize” DNN with a simpler model (e.g. decision tree)
- Find prototypical example of a category
- Find pattern maximizing activation of a neuron

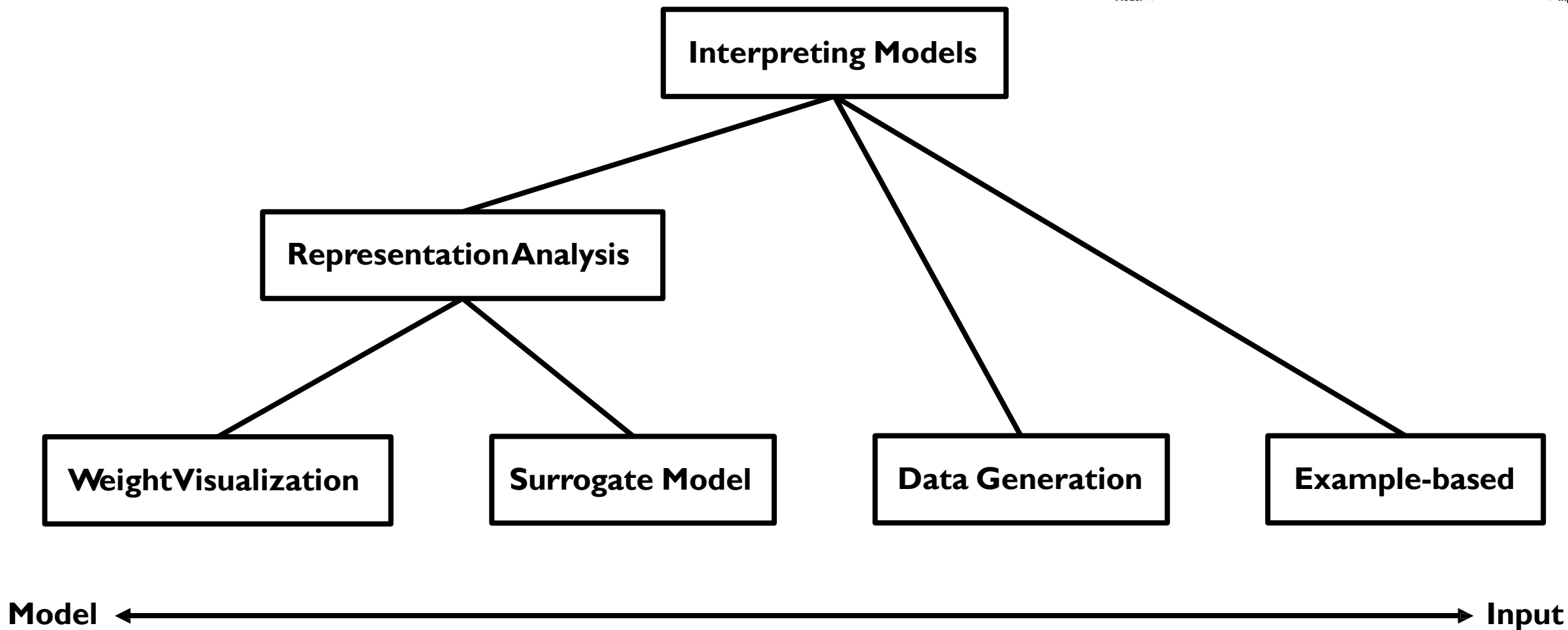
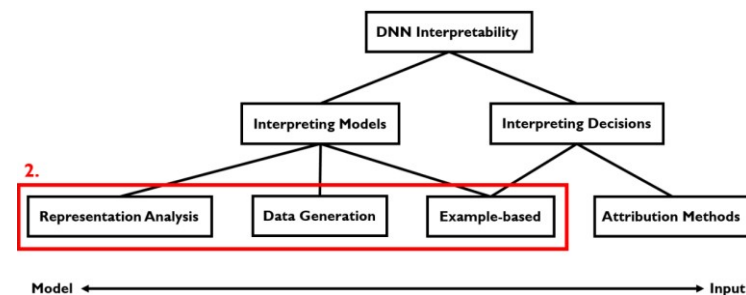
**Better understand
internal representations**

Interpreting Decisions (Microscopic)

- Why did DNN make this decision
- Verify that model behaves as expected
- Find evidence for decision

**Important for practical
applications**

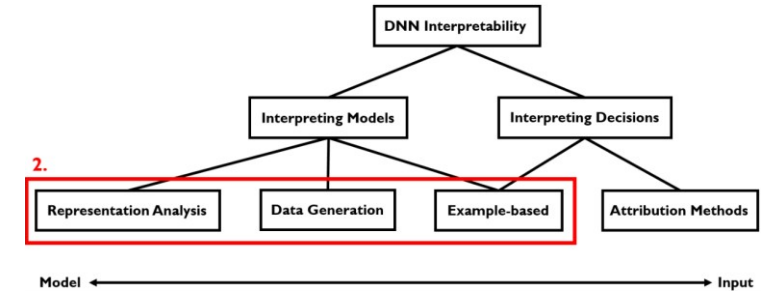
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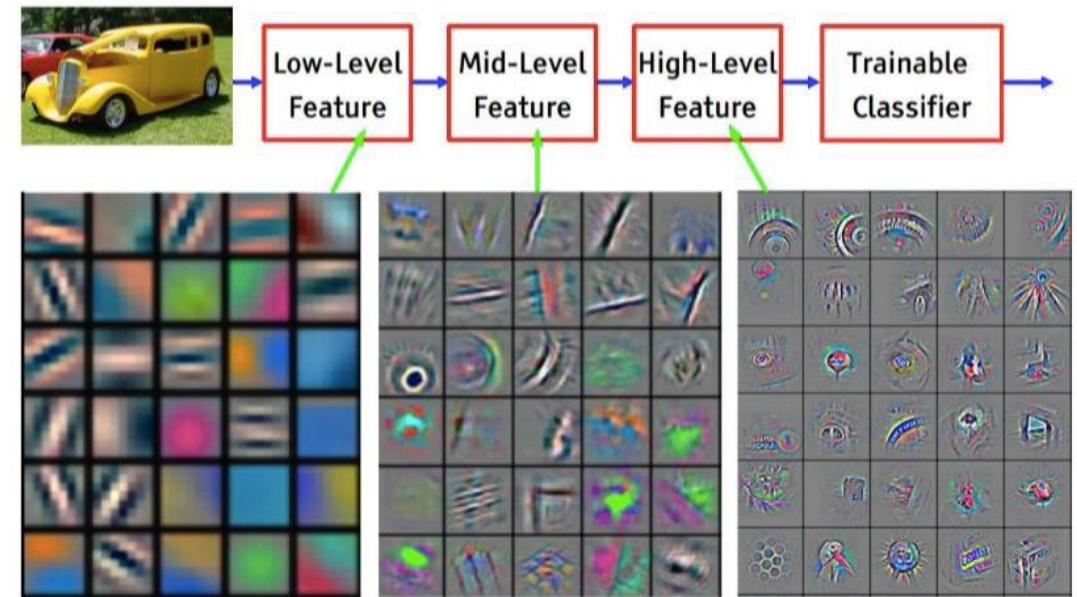
Weight Visualization

Surrogate Model

Data Generation

Example-based

- Filter visualization in Convolutional Neural Networks
- Can understand what kind of features CNN has learned
- Still too many filters!

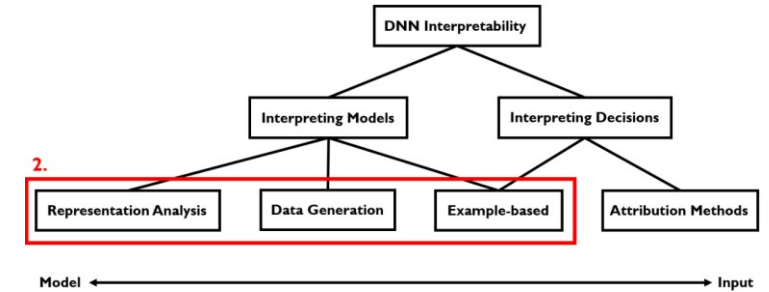


Feature visualization of convolutional net trained on ImageNet from [Zeiler & Fergus 2013]

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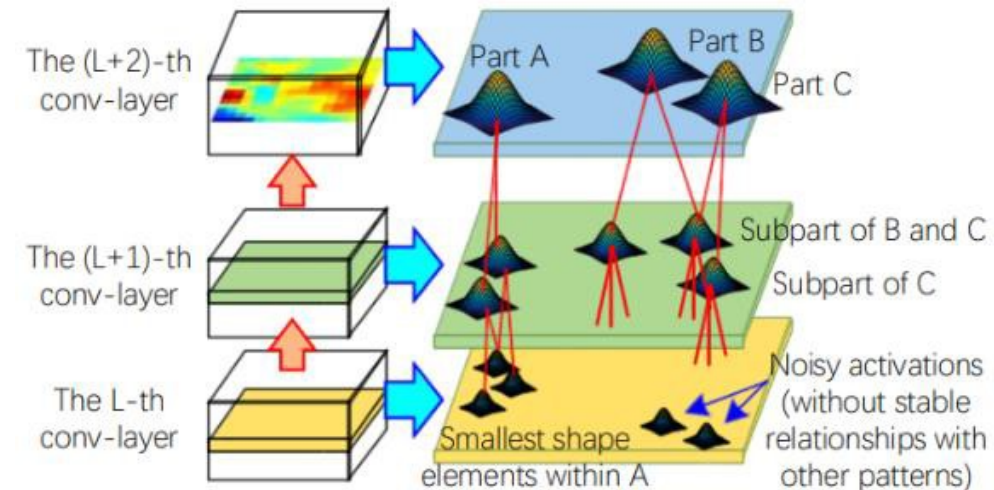
Data Generation

Example-based

- “Summarize” DNN with a simpler model
- E.g. Decision trees, graphs or linear models
(aka. Meta-model, approximation model, response surface model, emulator...)

Idea: Train an *Interpretable* Machine Learning model on the Outputs of our “Black Box” model with the specific goal of interpreting it. Not exact, but close and interpretable.

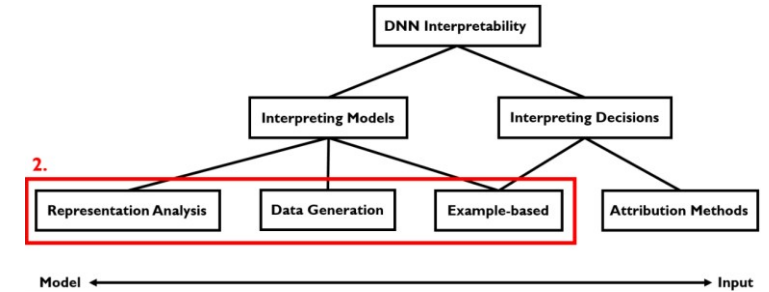
Model agnostic. Approximate the predictions, not the actual real world.



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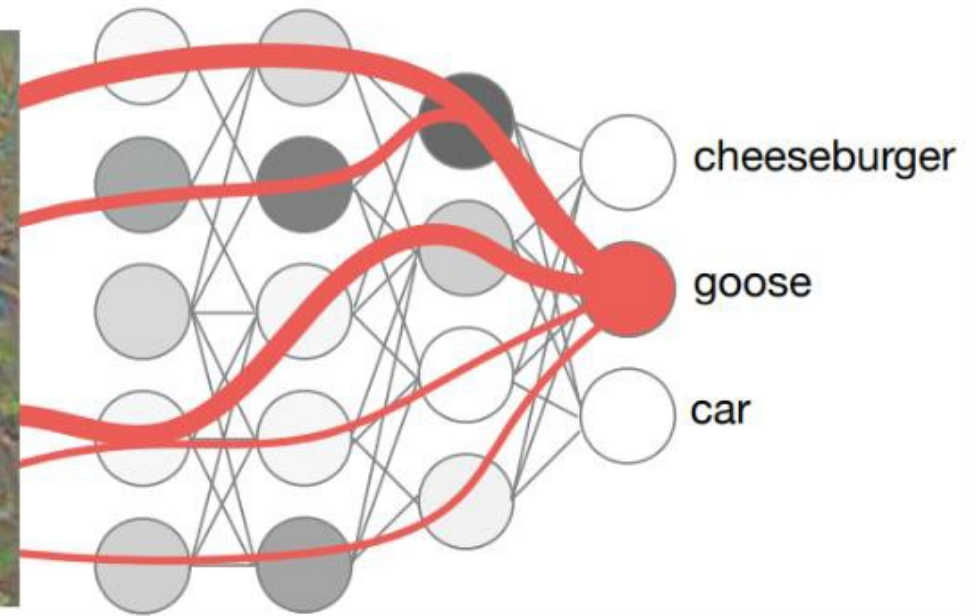
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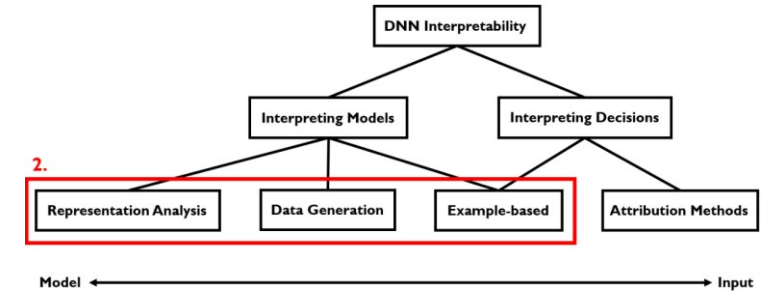
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Activation Maximization

- Find pattern maximizing activation of a neuron



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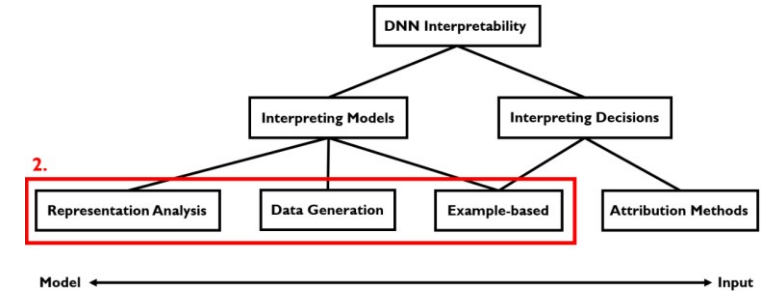
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$$\max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p_{\theta}(\omega_c | x) + \lambda \Omega(x)$$

Class Probability

Regularization Term

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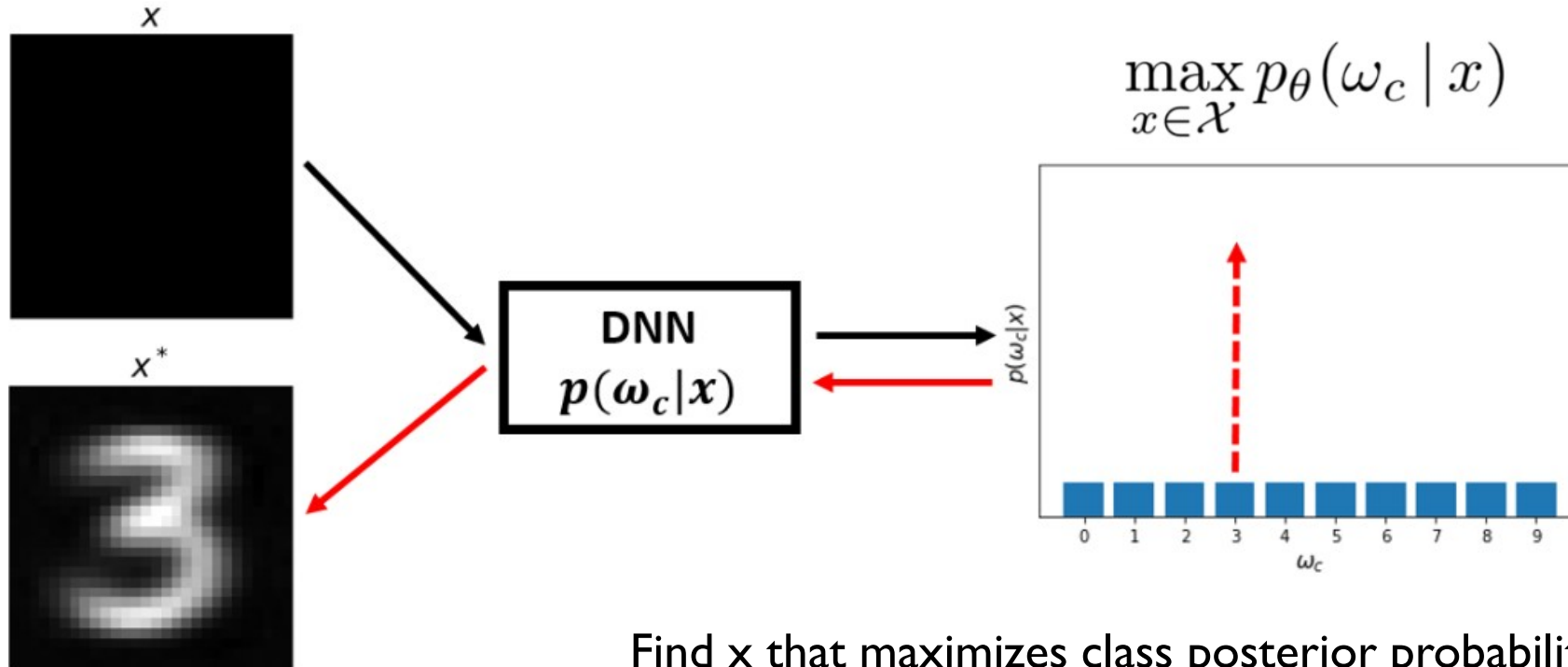


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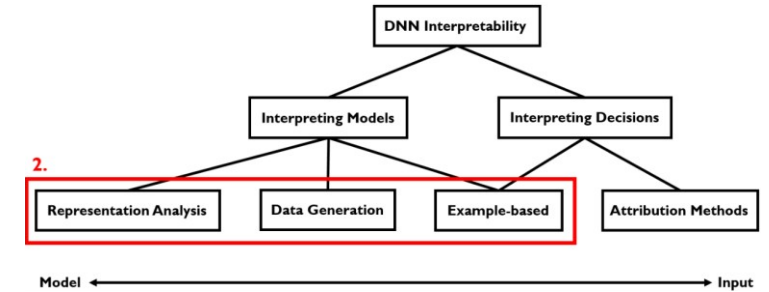
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Find x that maximizes class posterior probability

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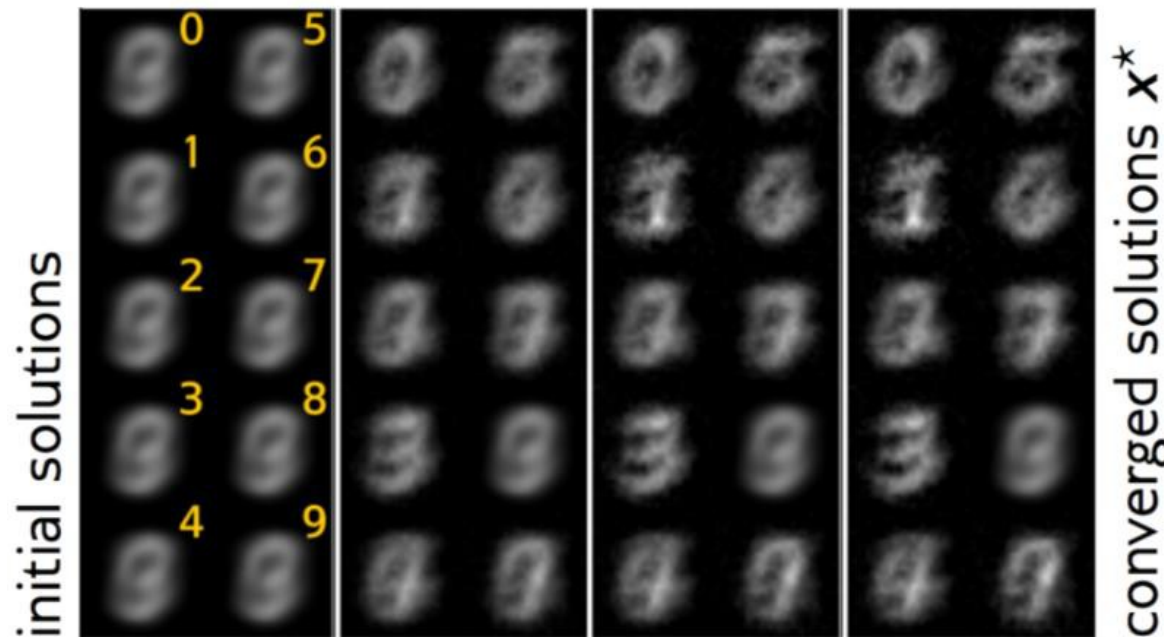


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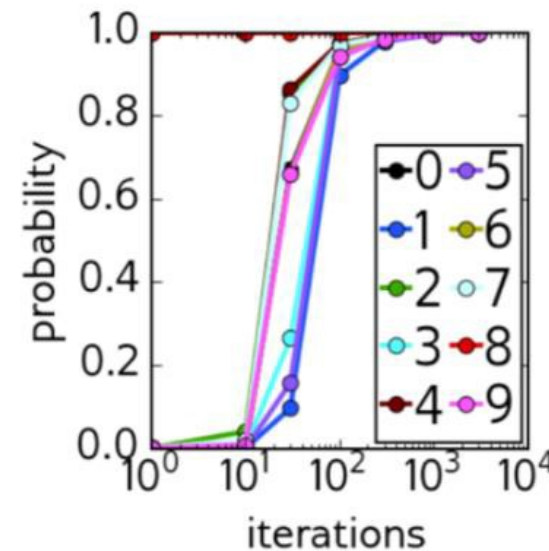
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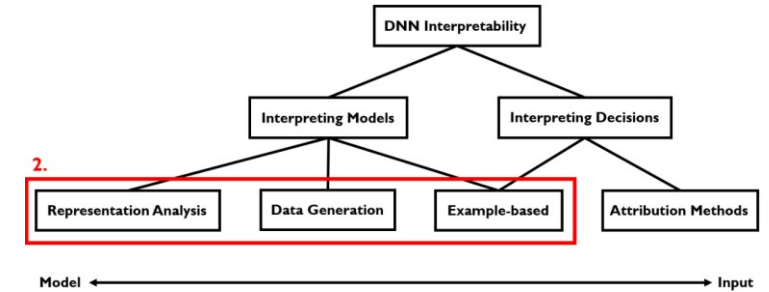


→ → optimizing $\max_x p(\omega_c | \mathbf{x})$ → →



Find \mathbf{x} that maximizes class posterior probability: search

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goose

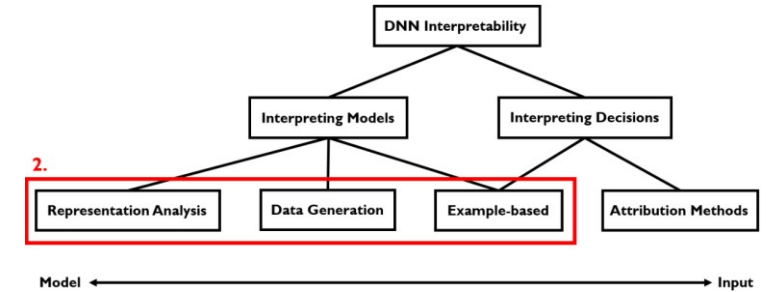


ostrich



Images from **Simonyan et al. 2013** “Deep Inside Convolutional Networks: Visualising Image Classification Models and Saliency Maps”

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Advantages

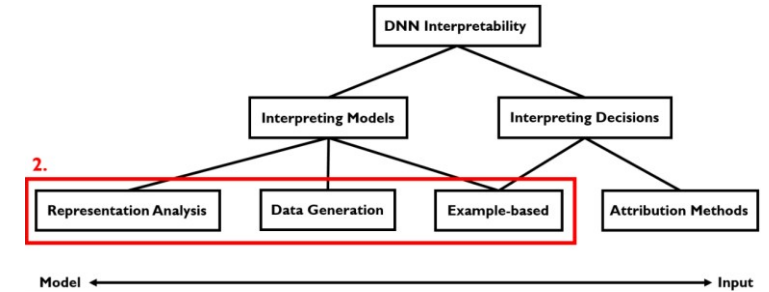
- Activation maximization (AM) builds typical patterns for given classes (e.g. beaks, legs)
- Unrelated background objects are not present in the image

Disadvantages

- Does not resemble class-related patterns
- Lowers the quality of the interpretation for given classes

Redefine optimization problem!

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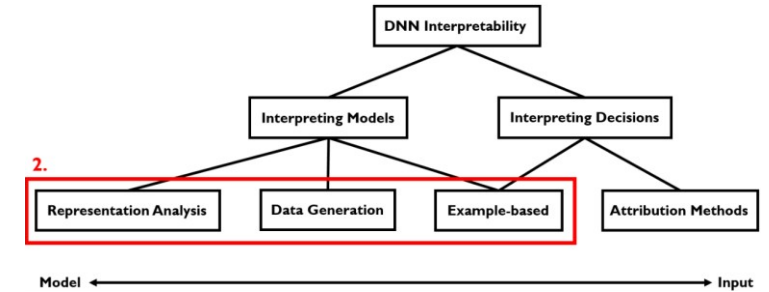
Force the generated data x^* to match the data more closely

Find the input pattern that maximizes class probability



Find the most likely input pattern for a given class

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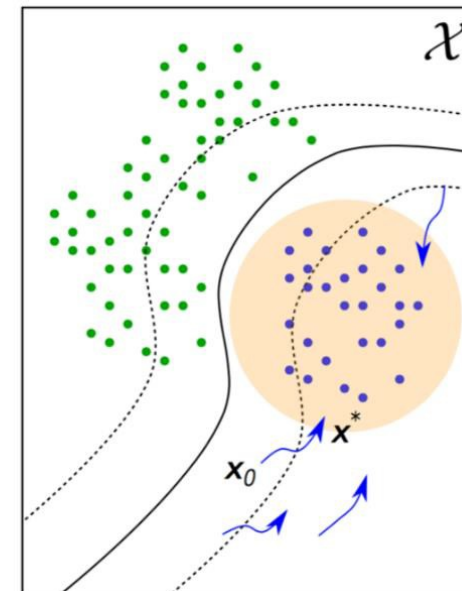
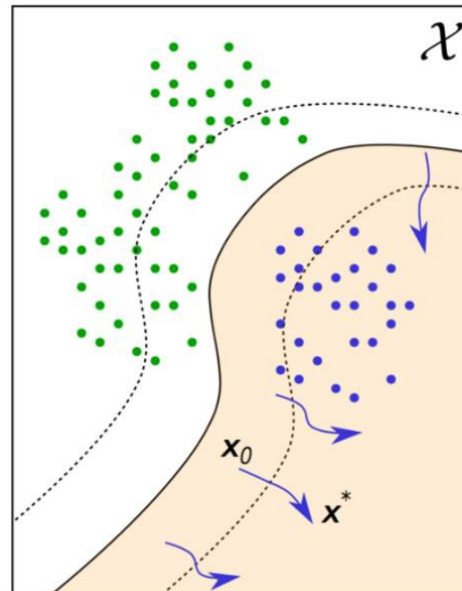
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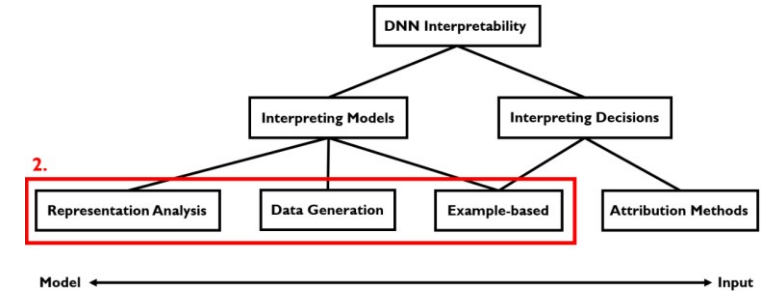
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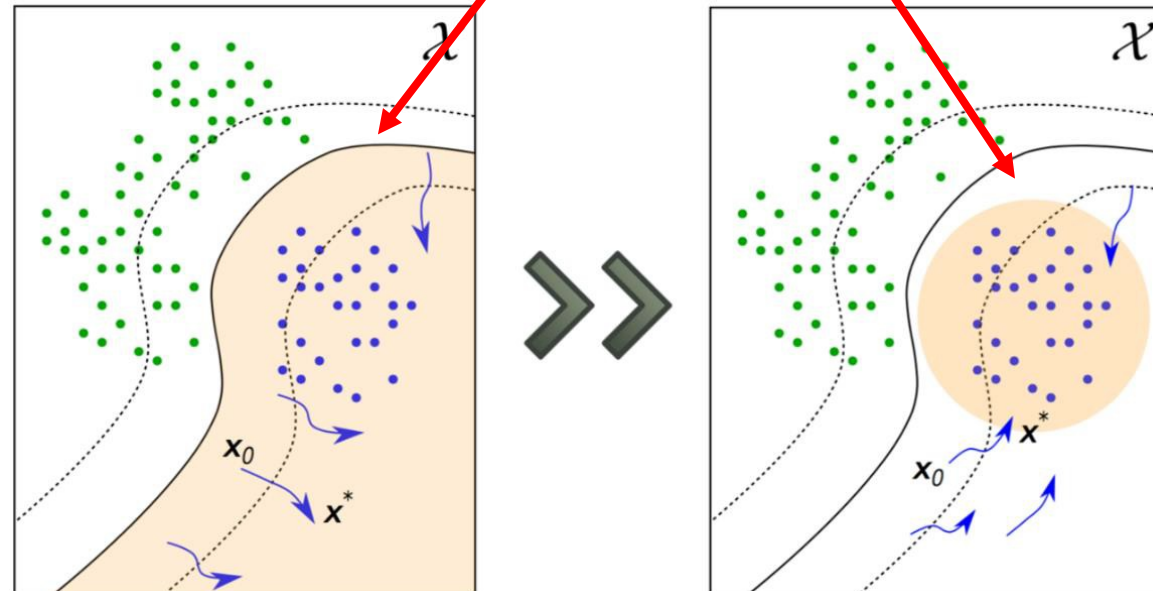
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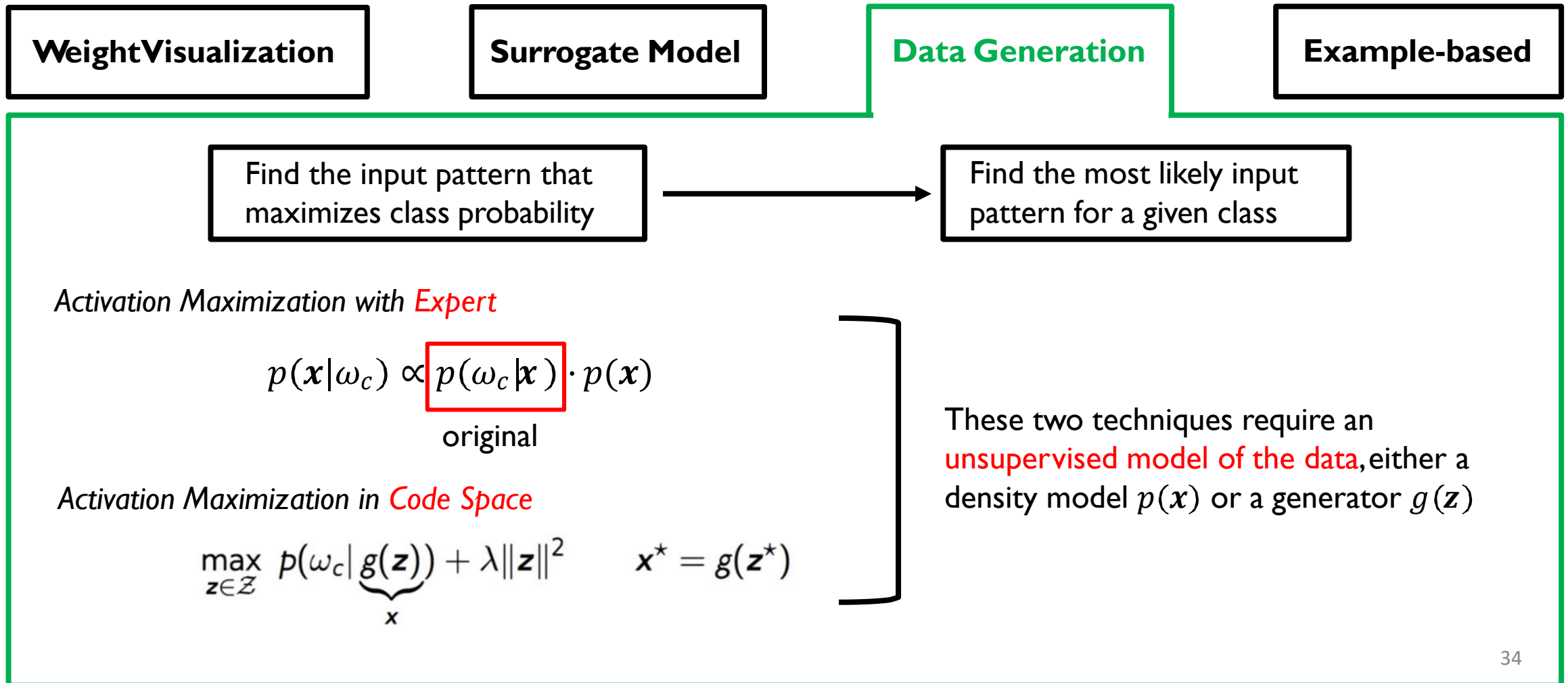
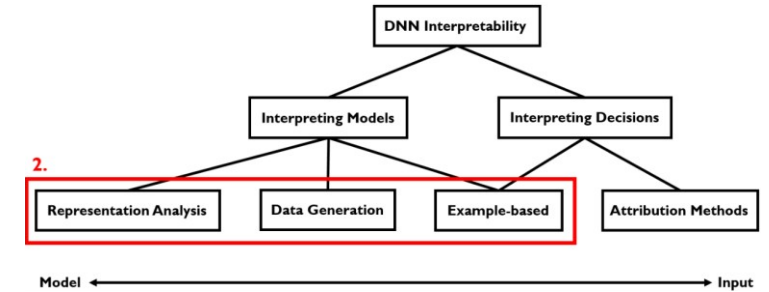
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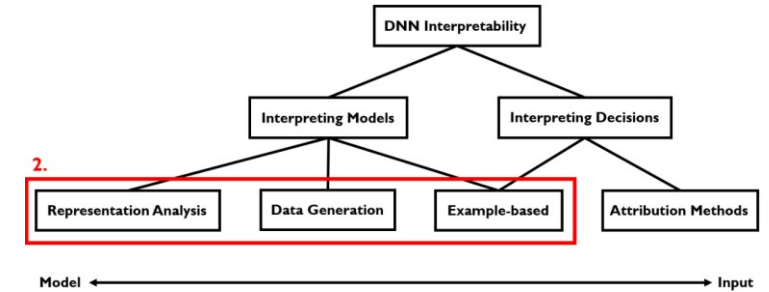
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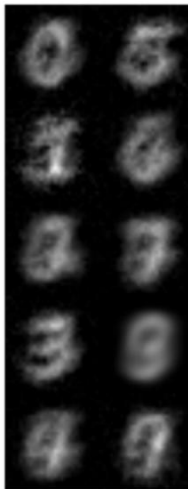
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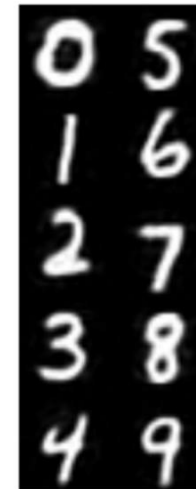
Original
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Maximization



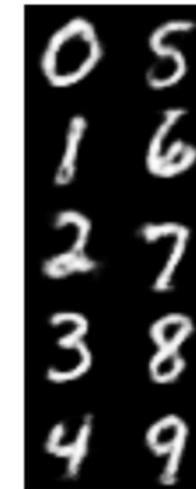
simple AM
(initialized
to mean)



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(init. to
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AM-density
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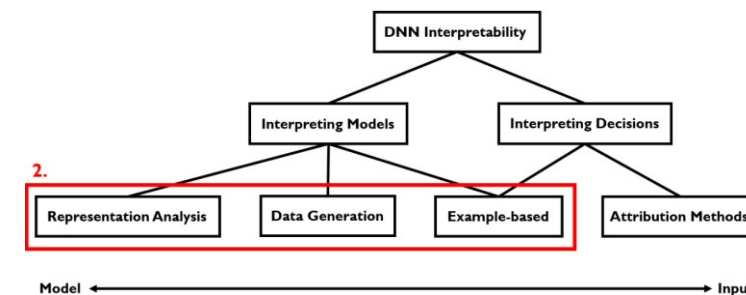


AM-gen
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Constrained
Activation
Maximization

Observation: Connecting to the **data** leads to **sharper** visualizations.

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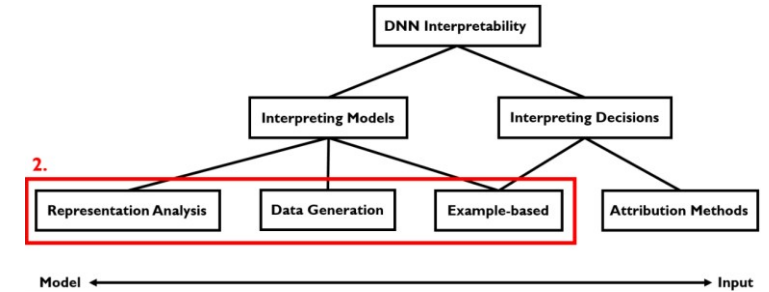
Activation Maximization in Code Space

Images from Nguyen et al. 2016. “Synthesizing the preferred inputs for neurons in neural networks via deep generator networks”



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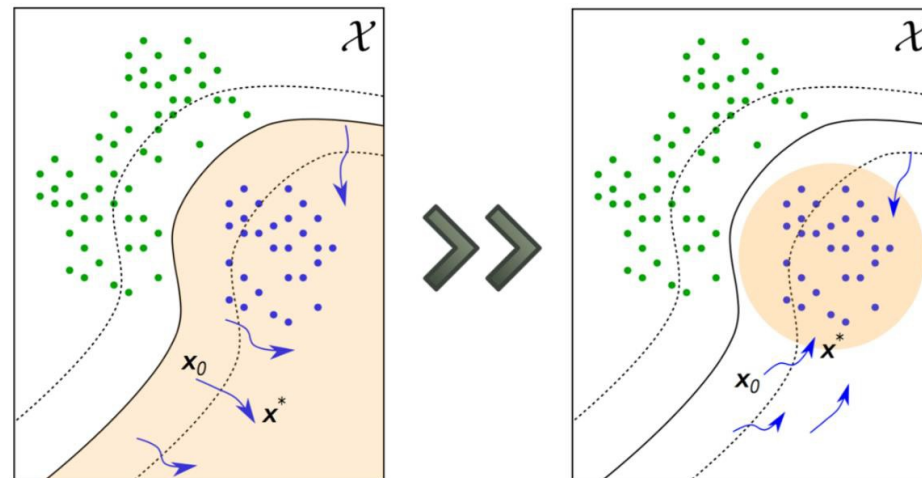
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Summary

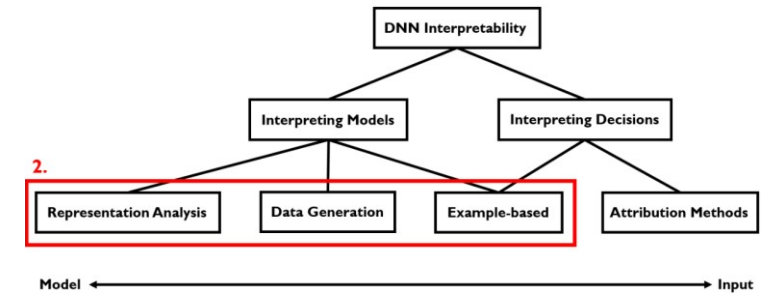
- DNNs can be interpreted by finding input patterns that maximize a certain output quantity.
- Connecting to the data improves the interpretability of the visualization.



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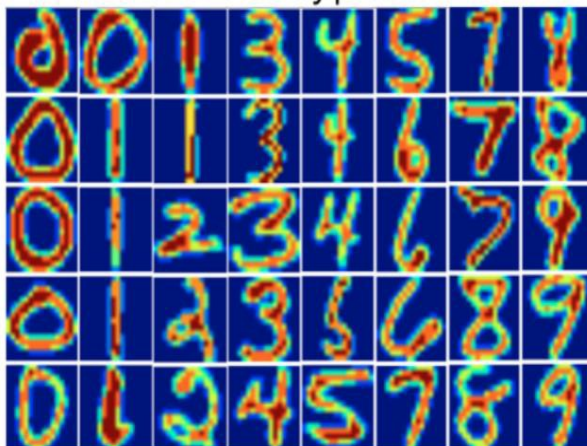
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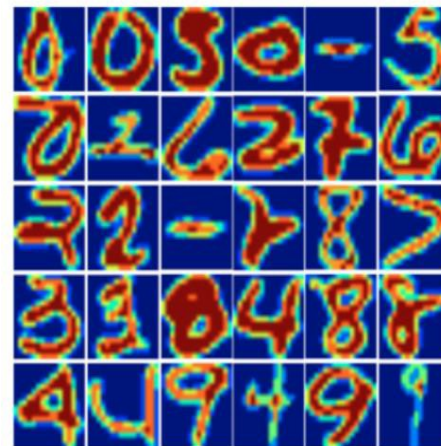
Example-based

- Find image instances that represent / do not represent the image class
- Maximum Mean Discrepancy – MMD-critic, efficient prototype selection
- Nearest prototype classifier
- Example: digits; Classifying proximal dog breeds; dogs in costumes misclassified

Prototypes



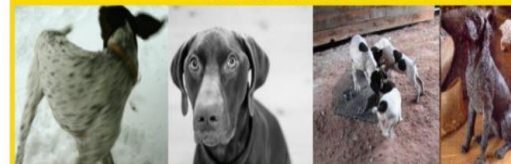
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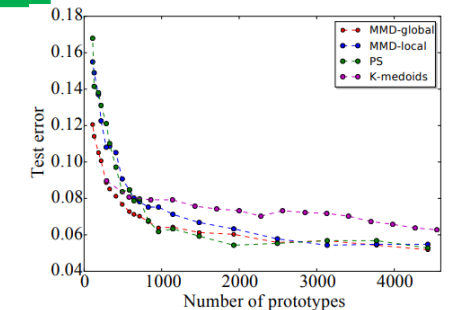
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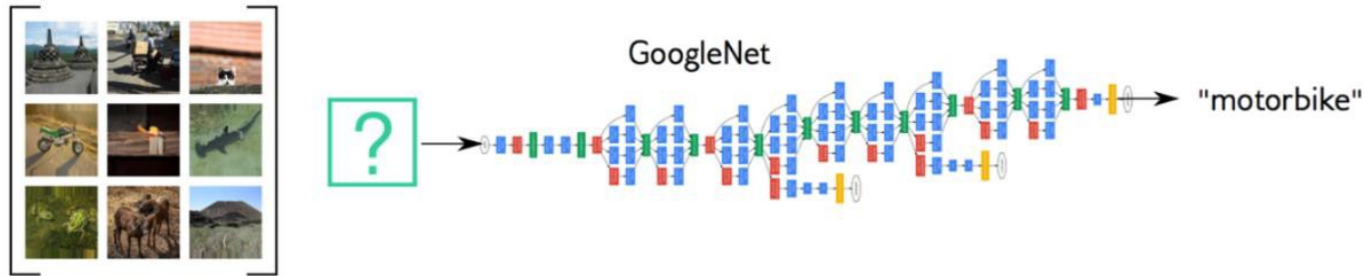
Question: What would be the best image to interpret the class “motorcycle”?



- Summarizing a concept or a category like “motorcycle” into a single image is difficult.
- A good interpretation would grow as large as the diversity of the concept to interpret.

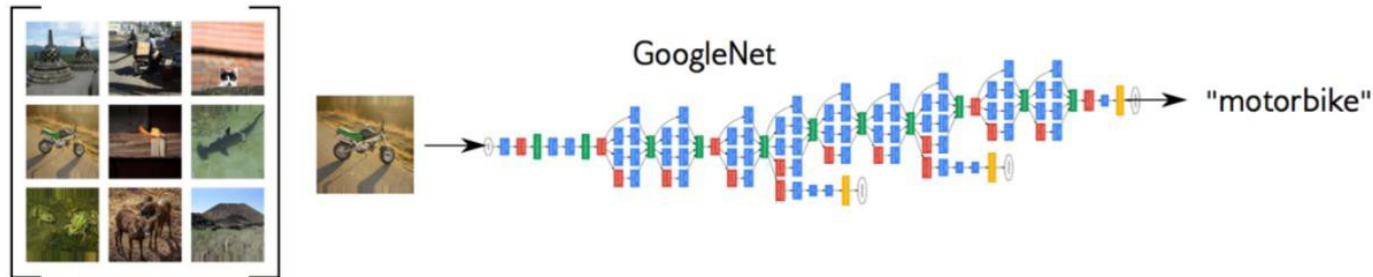
Limitation of Model Interpretations

Finding a prototype:



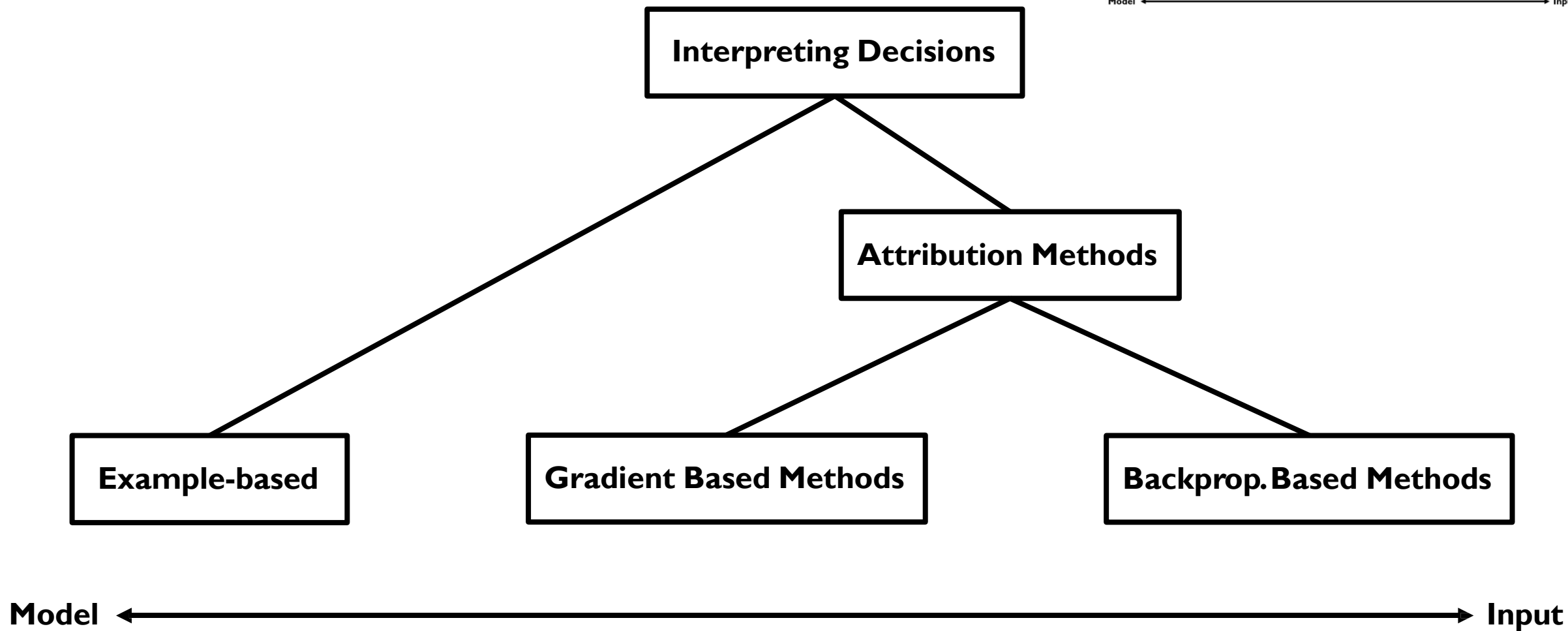
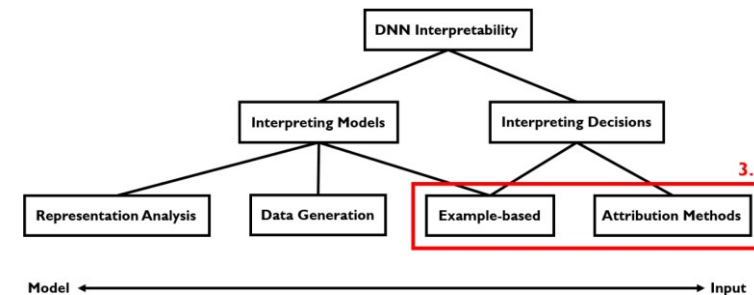
Question: How does a “motorbike” **typically** look like?

Decision explanation:



Question: Why is this example classified as a motorbike?

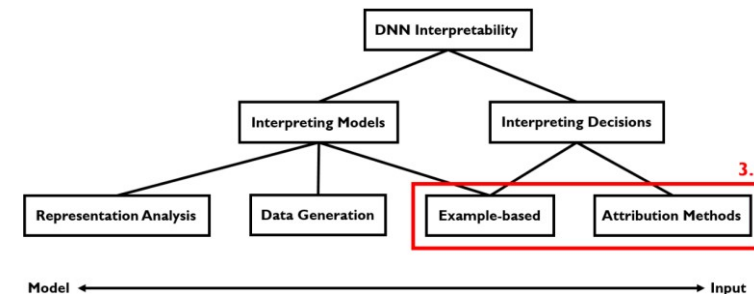
Types of DNN Interpretability



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Example-based

Attribution Methods

Gradient Based

Backprop. Based

- Which training instance influenced the decision most?
- Still does not **specifically highlight** which features were important
- Influence functions for interpreting black-box methods. Fragility of NN model interpretation.

'Sunflower': 59.2% conf.

Original



Influence: 0.09



Influence: 0.14



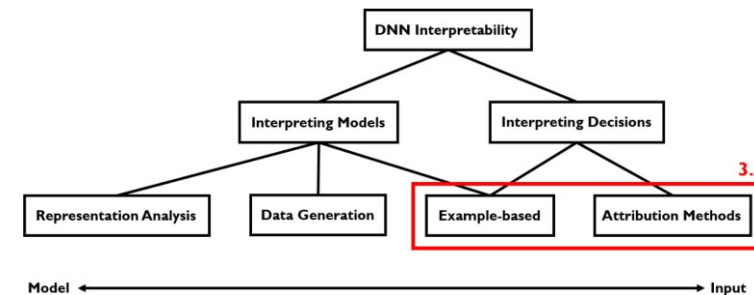
Influence: 0.42



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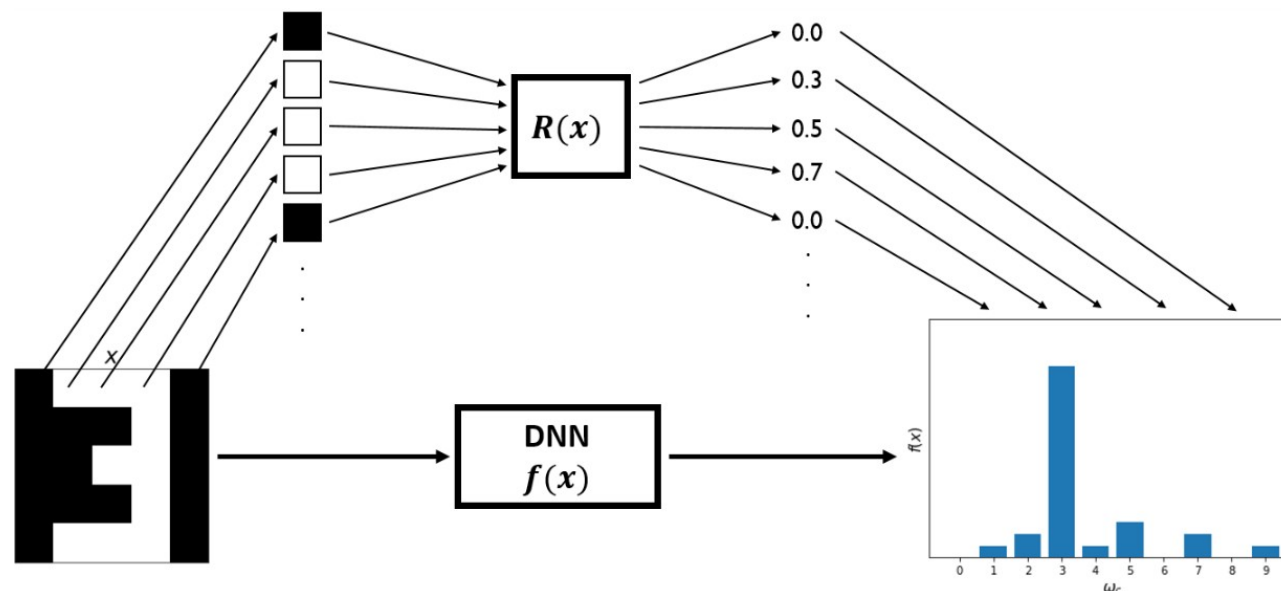
Example-based

Attribution Methods

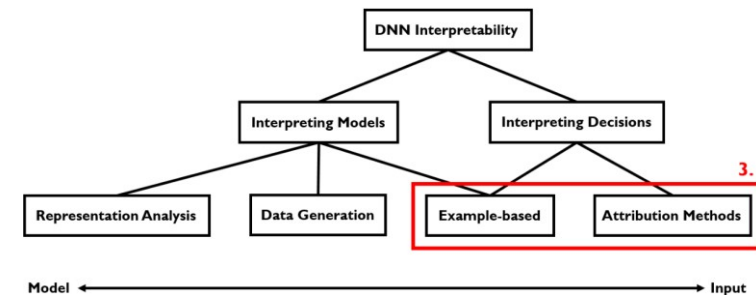
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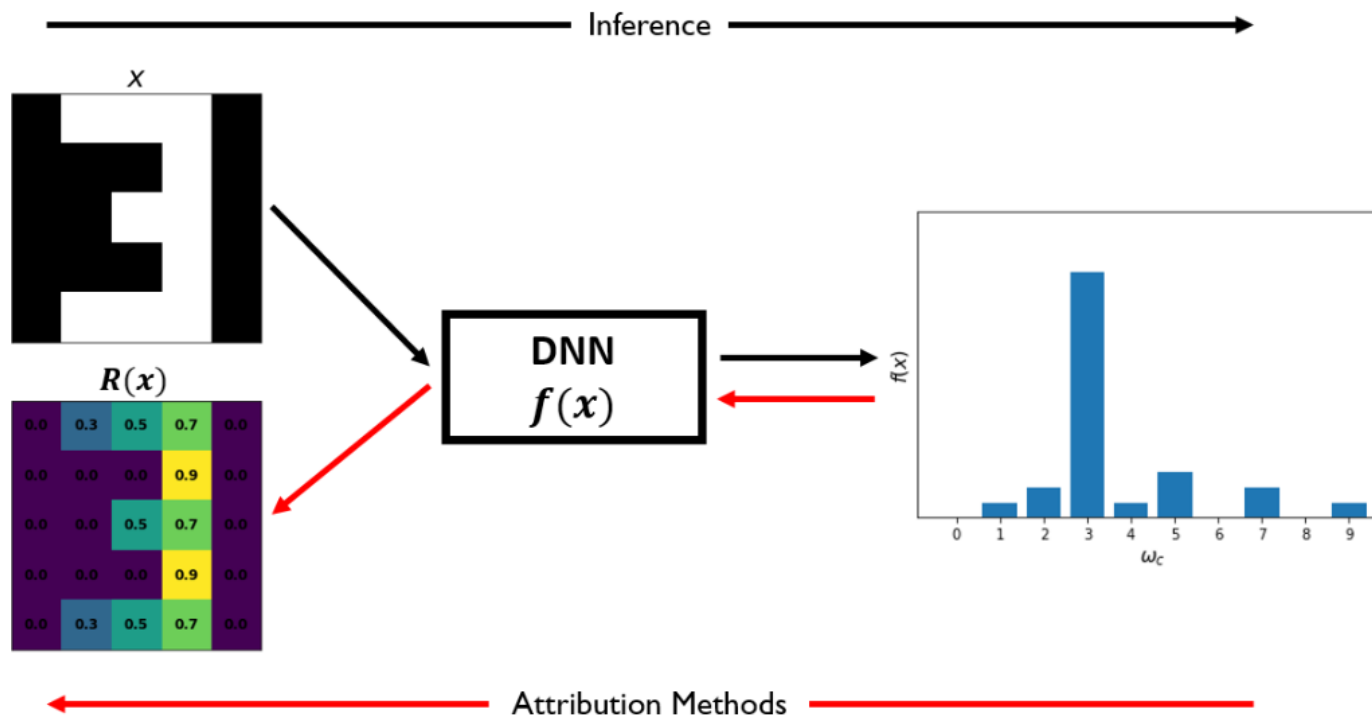
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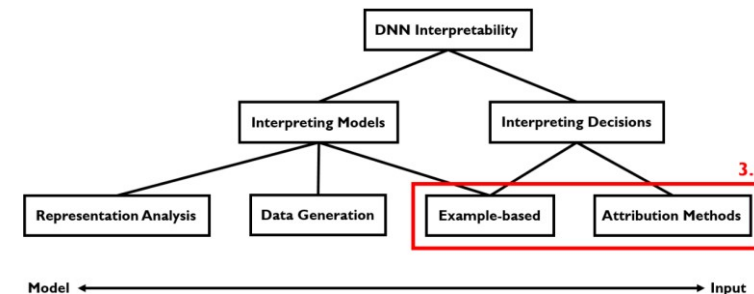
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Attributions visualized as heatmaps



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Example-based

Attribution Methods

Gradient Based

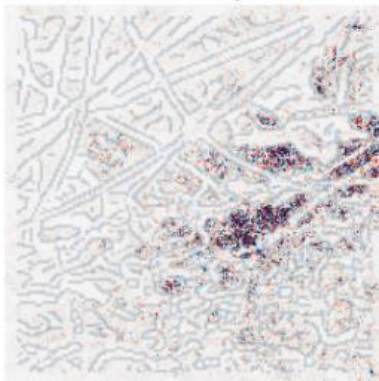
Backprop. Based

Attributions visualized as **heatmaps**

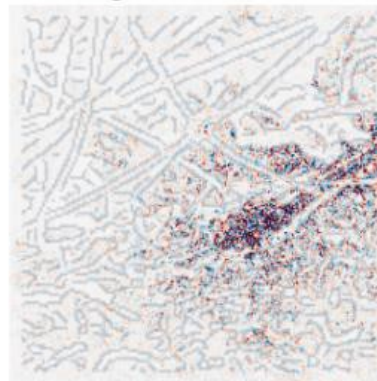
Original (label: "garter snake")



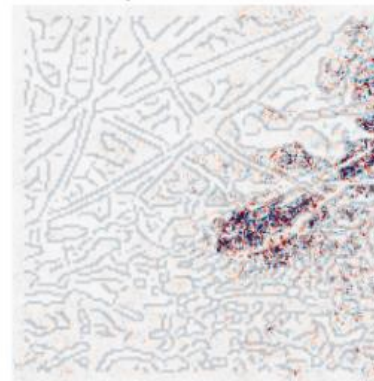
Grad * Input



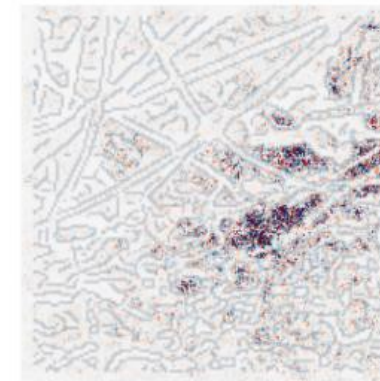
Integrated Gradients



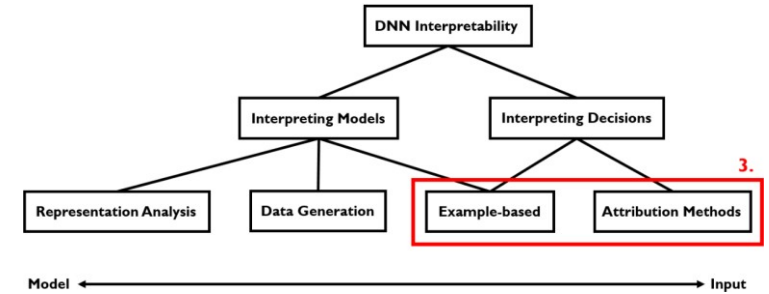
DeepLIFT (Rescale)



ϵ -LRP



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Example-based

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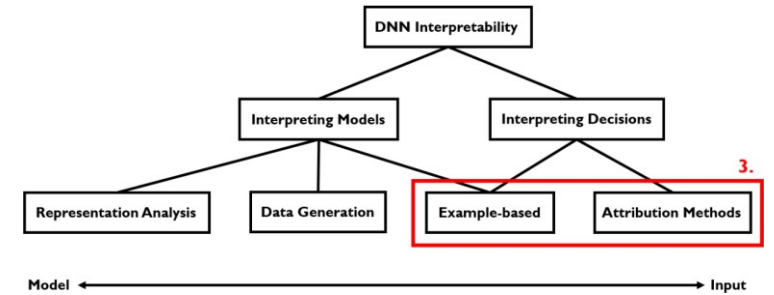
The Baseline Attribution Method **Saliency Map**

- Gradient of the decision $f(\mathbf{x})$ with respect to each **input image \mathbf{x}** :

$$\text{Saliency}(\mathbf{x}) := \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

- Can be calculated through **backpropagation**.

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Example-based

Attribution Methods

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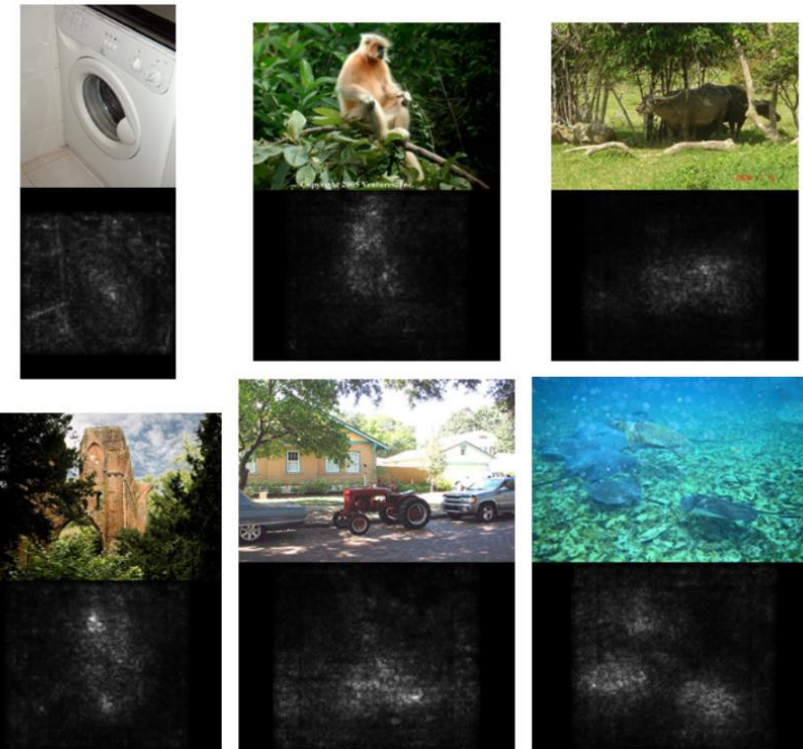
The Baseline Attribution Method **Saliency Map**

- Saliency maps are very **noisy!**
- Only roughly correlated with the object(s) of interest.

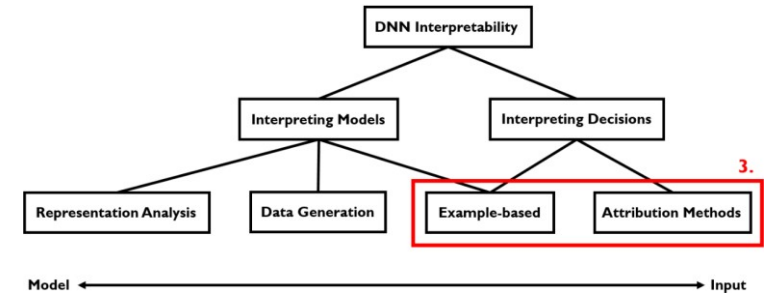
Question: How to improve saliency maps?



Question: Why are saliency maps noisy?



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Example-based

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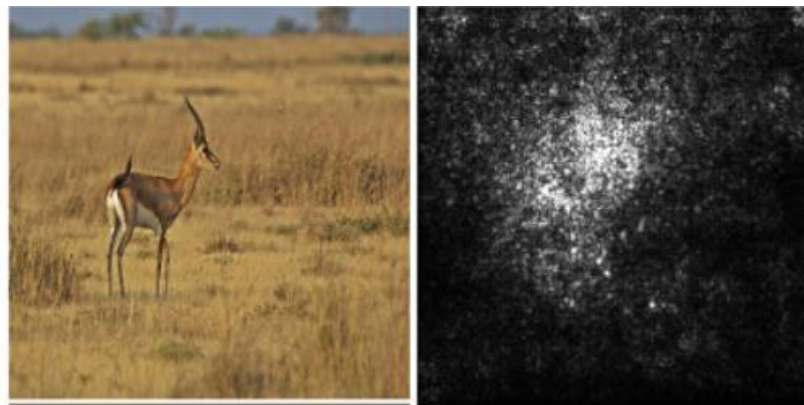
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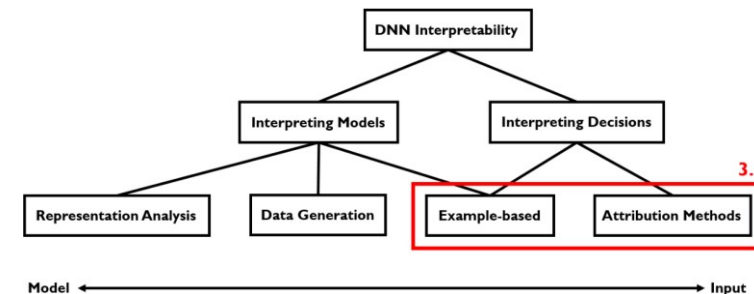
Question: Why are saliency maps noisy?

Hypothesis 1 – Saliency maps are truthful

- Certain pixels scattered randomly across the image are central to how the network is making a decision.
- Noise is important!



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Example-based

Attribution Methods

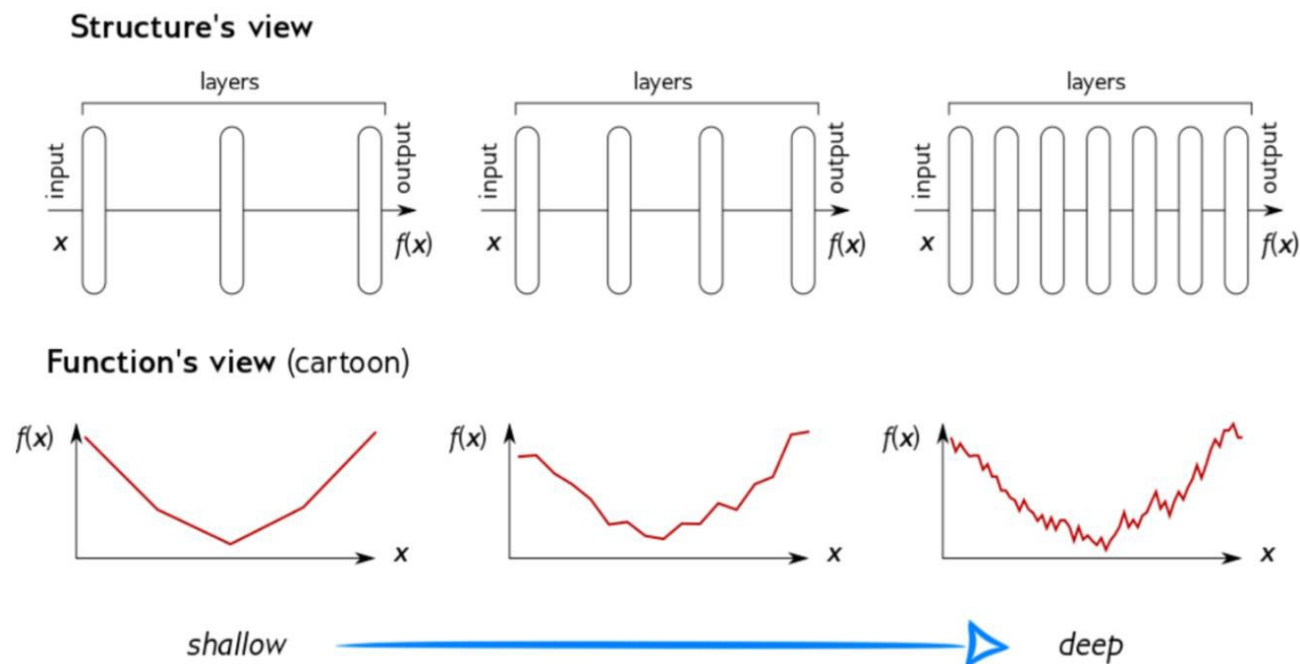
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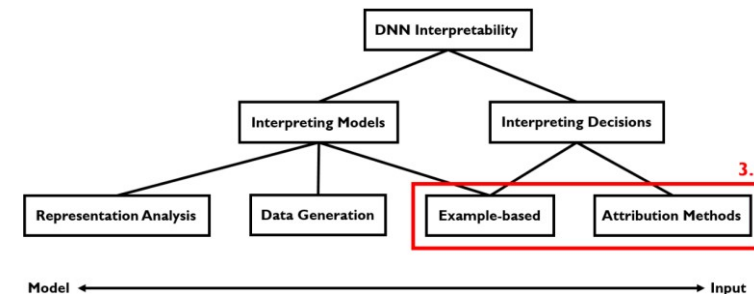
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Hypothesis 2 – Gradients are discontinuous

- DNN uses piecewise-linear functions (ReLU activation, max-pooling, etc.).
- Sudden jumps in the importance score over infinitesimal changes in the input.



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Example-based

Attribution Methods

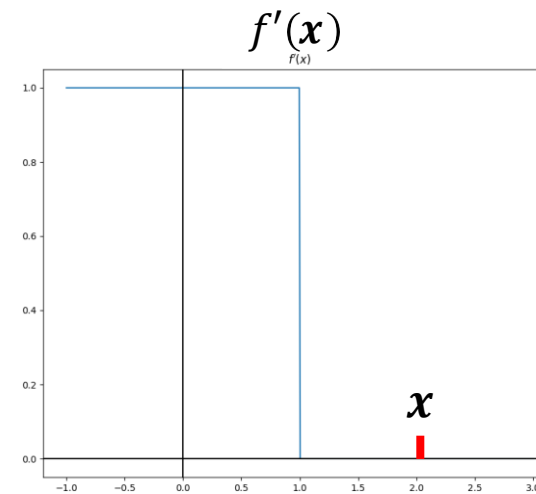
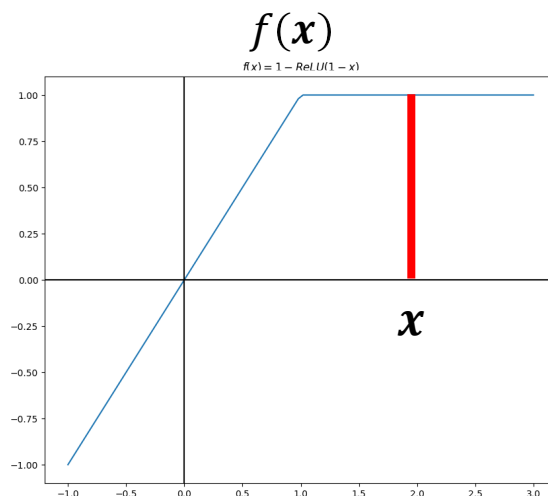
Gradient Based

Backprop. Based

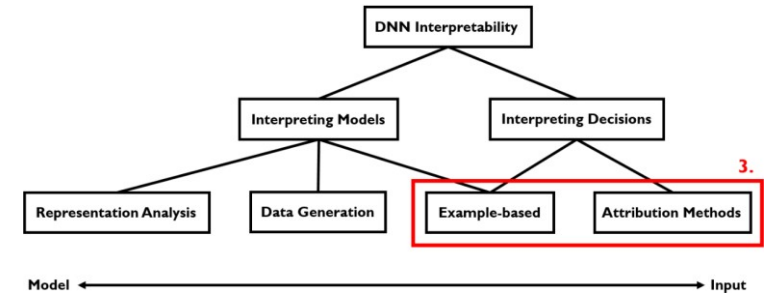
Question: Why are saliency maps noisy?

Hypothesis 3 – $f(x)$ saturates

-A feature may have a strong effect globally, but with a small derivative locally.



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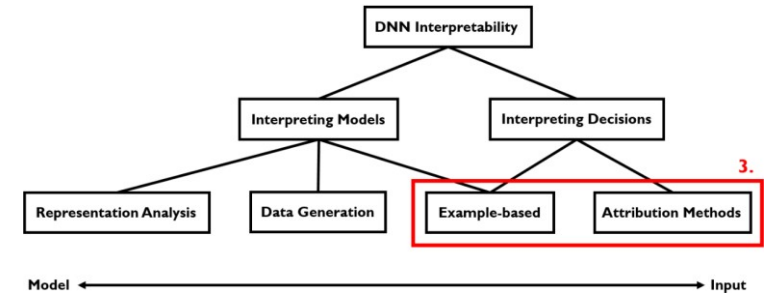
Gradient-based Methods

- Add noise: Perturb the input \mathbf{x} to \mathbf{x}^* and use $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}^*} f(\mathbf{x}^*)$.
- Some methods take the average over the perturbation set $\{\mathbf{x}_1^*, \mathbf{x}_2^*, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n^*\}$.

Backprop-based Methods

- Modify the backpropagation algorithm.

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Example-based

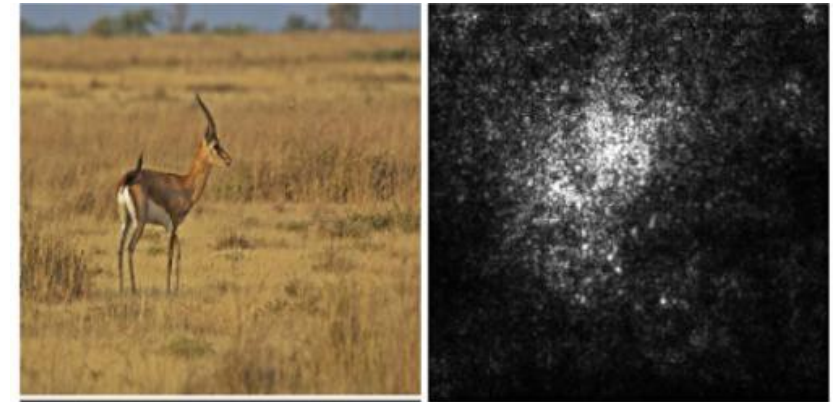
Attribution Methods

Gradient Based

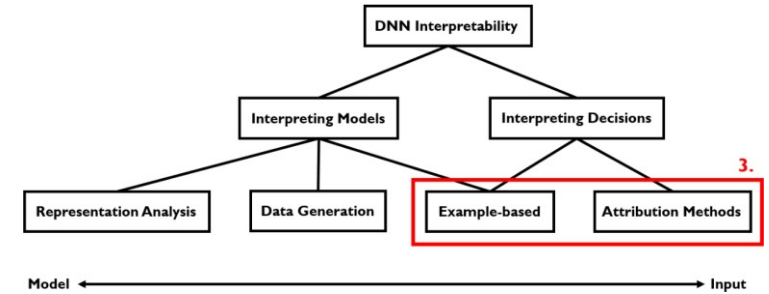
Backprop. Based

Summary

- Attribution method assigns “attribution score” to each input pixel.
- Baseline attribution method Saliency Map is noisy.
- Hypothesis 1: Saliency maps are truthful.
- Hypothesis 2: Gradients are discontinuous.
- Hypothesis 3: $f(x)$ saturates.
- Two solution approaches: Gradient-based method and Backprop-based method.



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Example-based

Attribution Methods

Gradient Based

Backprop. Based

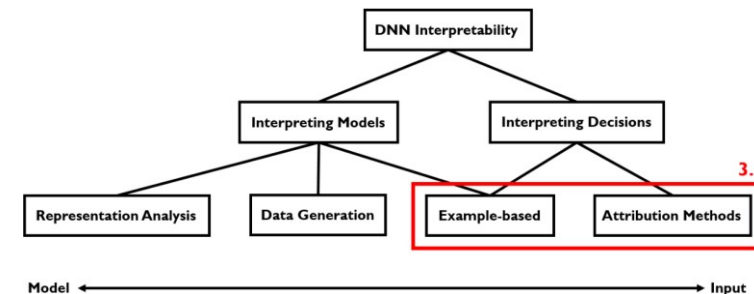
Other Attribution Methods

- Gradient * Input – <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1704.02685.pdf>
- Integrated Gradient – <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1703.01365.pdf>
- Layer-wise Relevance Propagation – <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0130140>
- DeepTaylor Decomposition – <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0130140>
- DeepLIFT – <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1704.02685.pdf>
- PatternNet and PatternAttribution – <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1705.05598.pdf>

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Example-based

Attribution Methods

Gradient Based

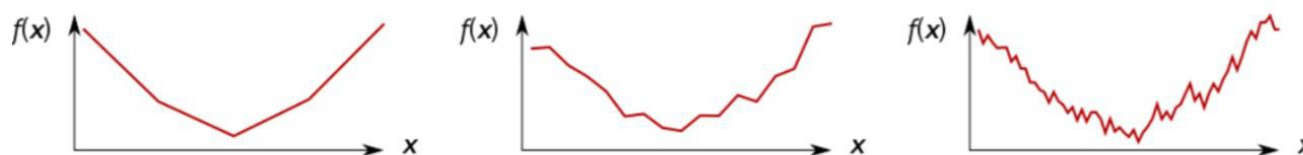
Backprop. Based

I. SmoothGrad Hypothesis 2 – Gradients are discontinuous: Just smooth the gradient!

$$\text{SmoothGrad}(\mathbf{x}) := \frac{1}{n} \int_1^n \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x}^*)}{\partial \mathbf{x}^*}, \quad \mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{x} + \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

Gaussian smoothing

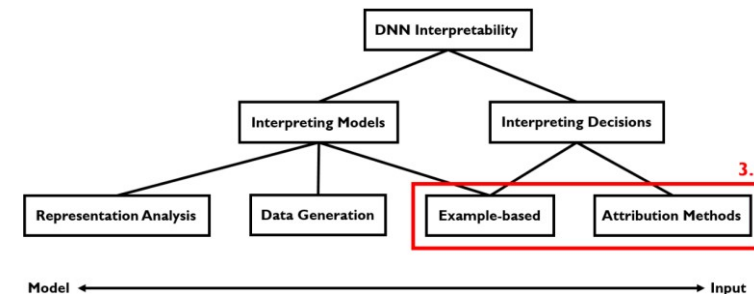
Function's view (cartoon)



shallow

deep

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Example-based

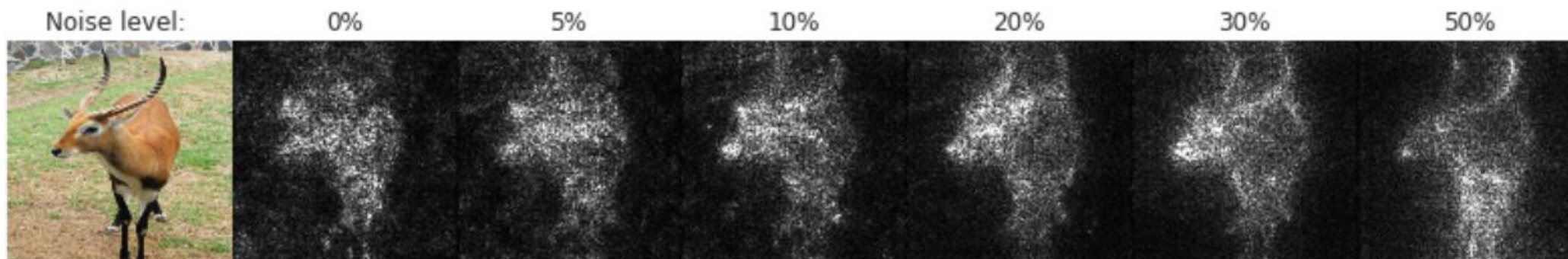
Attribution Methods

Gradient Based

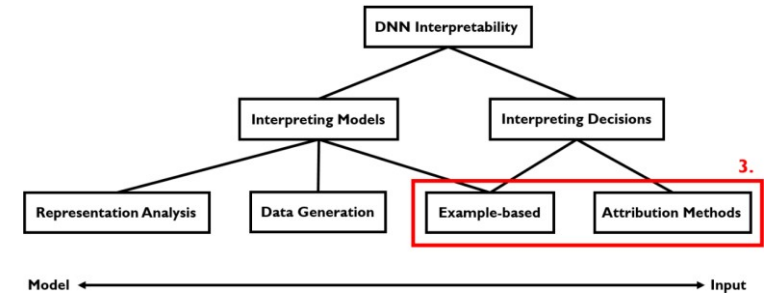
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Example-based

Attribution Methods

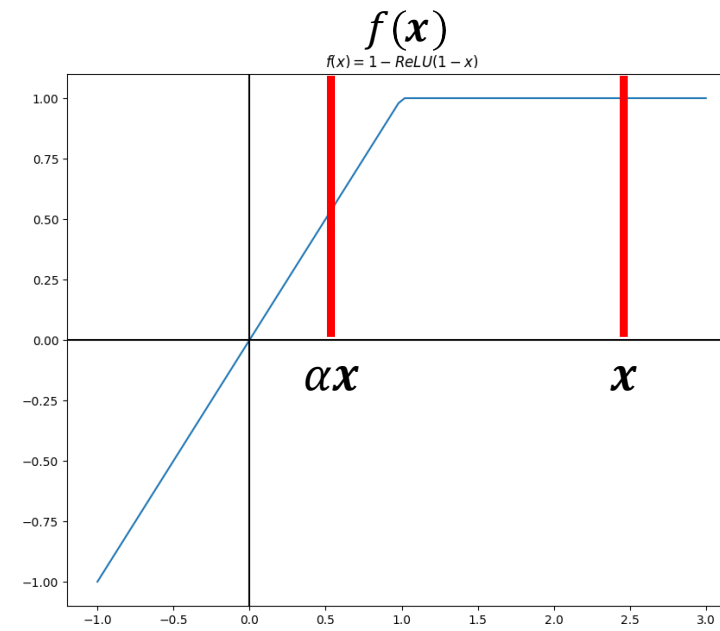
Gradient Based

Backprop. Based

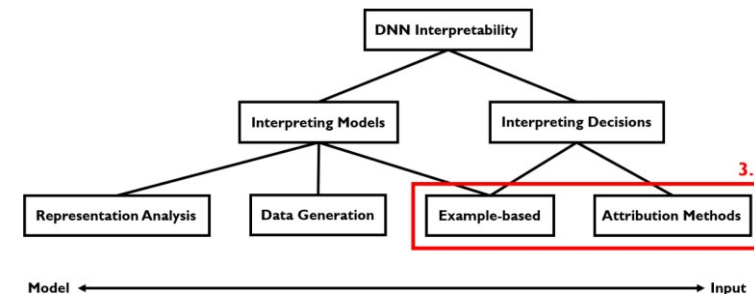
2. Interior Gradient Hypothesis 3 – $f(x)$ saturates

$$\text{IntGrad}(x) := \frac{\partial f(x^*)}{\partial x^*}, \quad x^* = \alpha x, \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1$$

-Appropriate α will trigger informative activation functions



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Example-based

Attribution Methods

Gradient Based

Backprop. Based

2. Interior Gradient

$$\text{IntGrad}(\mathbf{x}) := \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x}^*)}{\partial \mathbf{x}^*},$$

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \alpha \mathbf{x},$$

$$0 < \alpha \leq 1$$



$\alpha = 0.02$



$\alpha = 0.04$



$\alpha = 0.06$



$\alpha = 0.08$



$\alpha = 0.1$



$\alpha = 0.2$



$\alpha = 0.4$



$\alpha = 0.6$



$\alpha = 0.8$

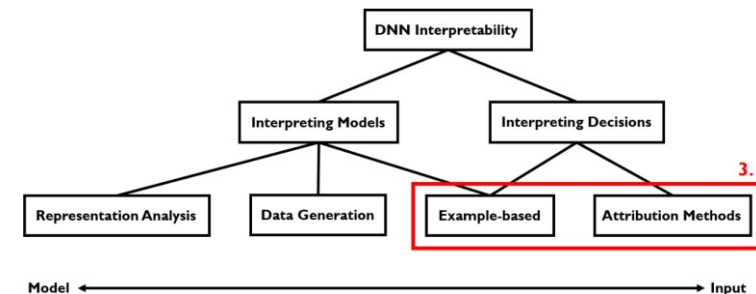


$\alpha = 1.0$

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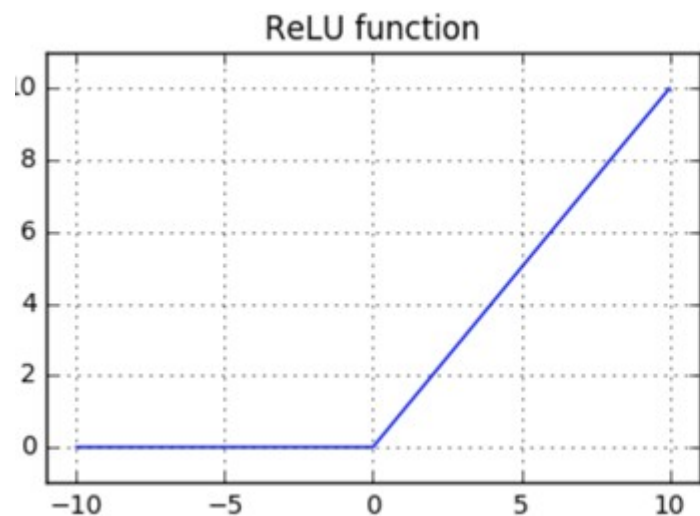
Example-based

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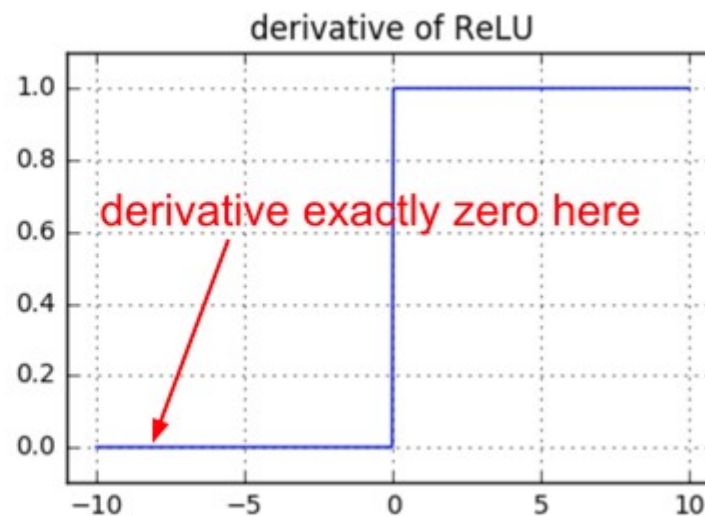
Gradient Based

Backprop. Based

Review: Backpropagation at ReLU



$$\text{ReLU}(z) = \max(0, z)$$



$$\text{ReLU}'(z) = (z > 0)$$

Forward pass

1	-1	5
2	-5	-7
-3	2	4



1	0	5
2	0	0
0	2	4

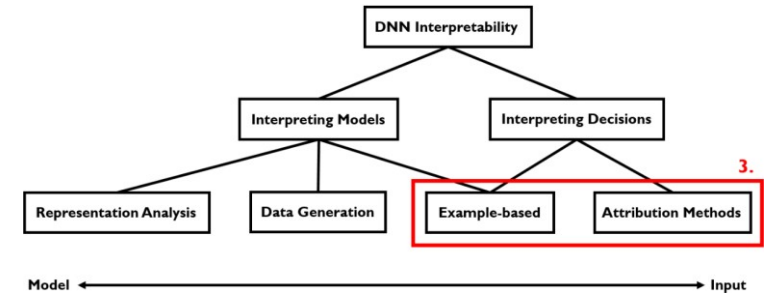
Backward pass:
backpropagation

-2	0	-1
6	0	0
0	-1	3



-2	3	-1
6	-3	1
2	-1	3

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Example-based

Attribution Methods

Gradient Based

Backprop. Based

I. Deconvnet

- Maps feature pattern to input space (image reconstruction)
- To obtain valid feature reconstruction, pass the reconstructed signal through ReLUs
- Removing noise by removing negative gradient

Forward pass

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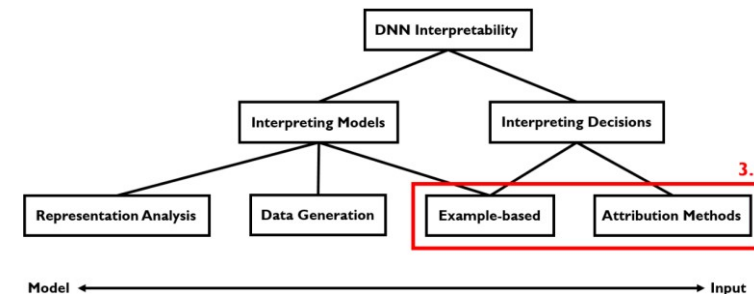
Backward pass:
"deconvnet"

0	3	0
6	0	1
2	0	3



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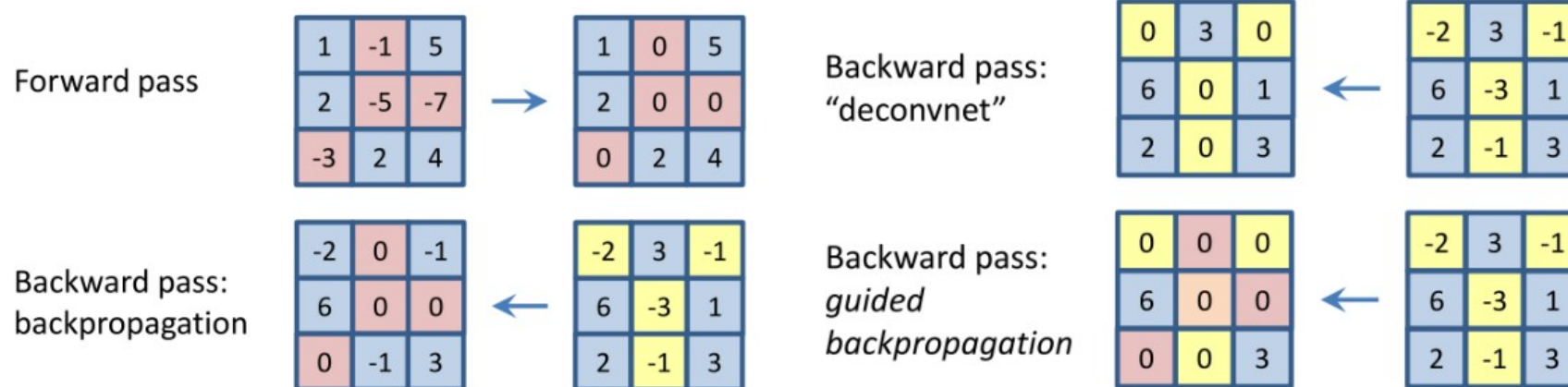
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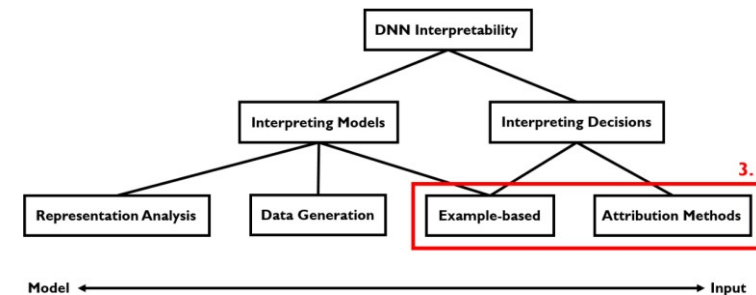
Backprop. Based

2. Guided Backpropagation

- Combine Deconvnet with Backpropagation
- Removing negative gradient + consider forward activations



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Example-based

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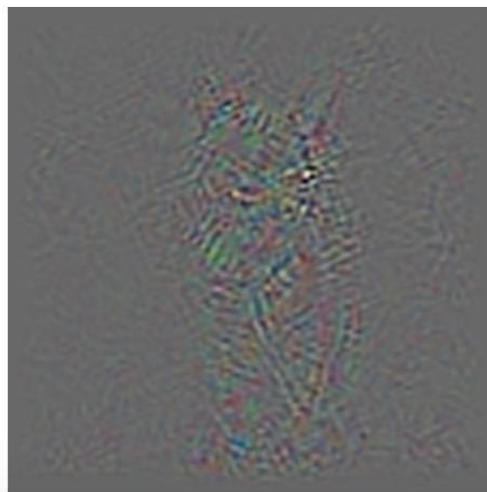
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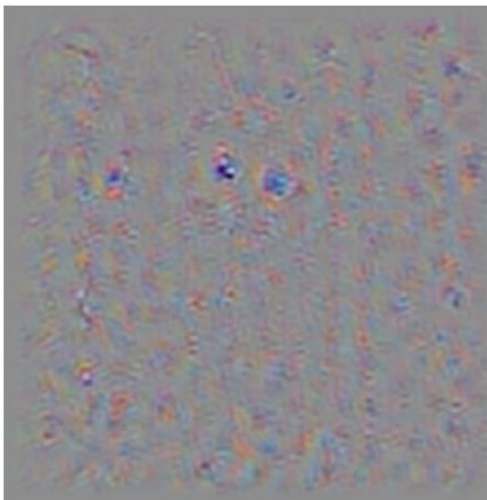
Input image



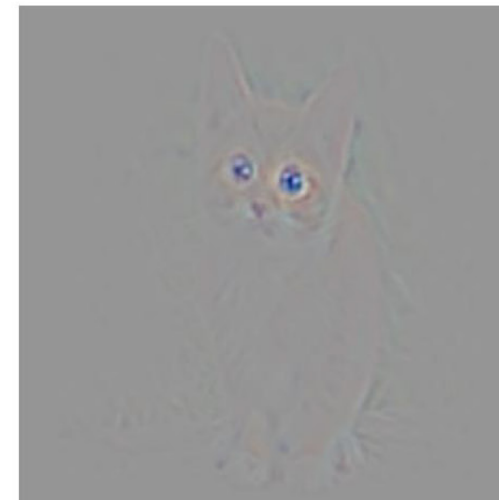
Backpropagation



Deconvolution



Guided Backprop



Observation: Removing **more** gradient leads to **sharper** visualizations

Interpretable Deep Learning

1. Intro to Interpretability

1a. Interpretability definition: Convert implicit NN information to human-interpretable information

1b. Motivation: Verify model works as intended; debug classifier; make discoveries; Right to explanation

1c. Ante-hoc (train interpretable model) vs. **Post-hoc** (interpret complex model; degree of “locality”)

2. Interpreting Deep Neural Networks

2a. Interpreting Models (macroscopic, understand internals) vs. **decisions** (microscopic, practical applications)

2b. Interpreting Models: Weight visualization, Surrogate model, Activation maximization, Example-based

2c. Interpreting Decisions:

- Example-based
- Attribution Methods: why are gradients noisy?
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3. Evaluating Attribution Methods

3a. Qualitative: Coherence: Attributions should highlight discriminative features / objects of interest

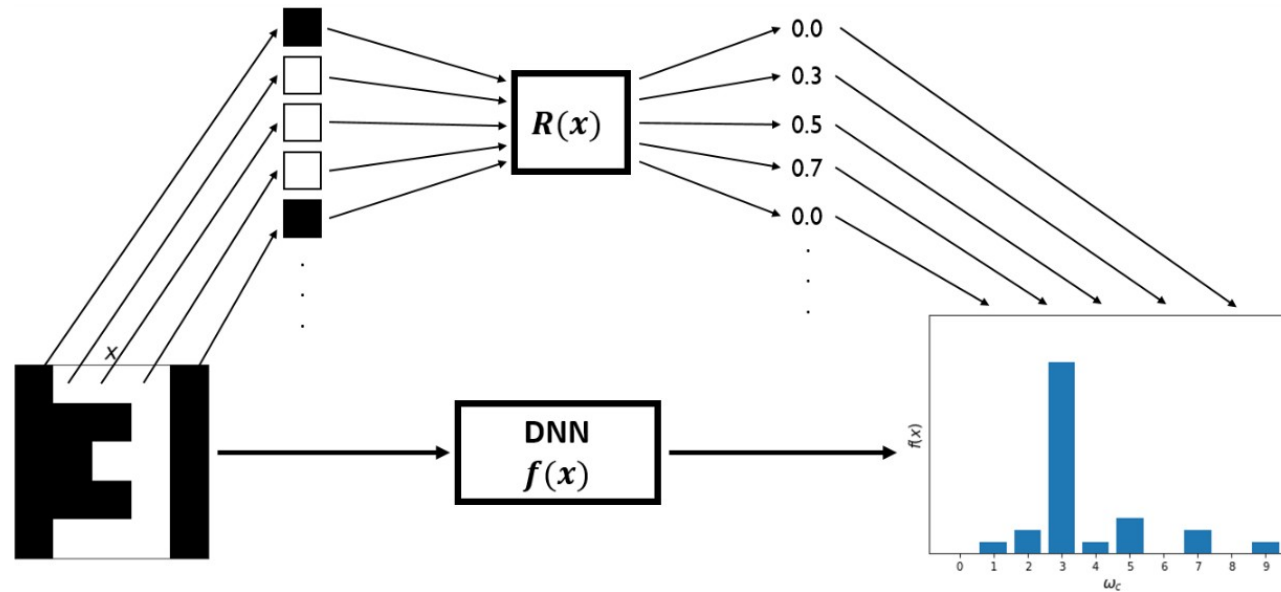
3b. Qualitative: Class Sensitivity: Attributions should be sensitive to class labels

3c. Quantitative: Sensitivity: Removing feature with high attribution → large decrease in class probability

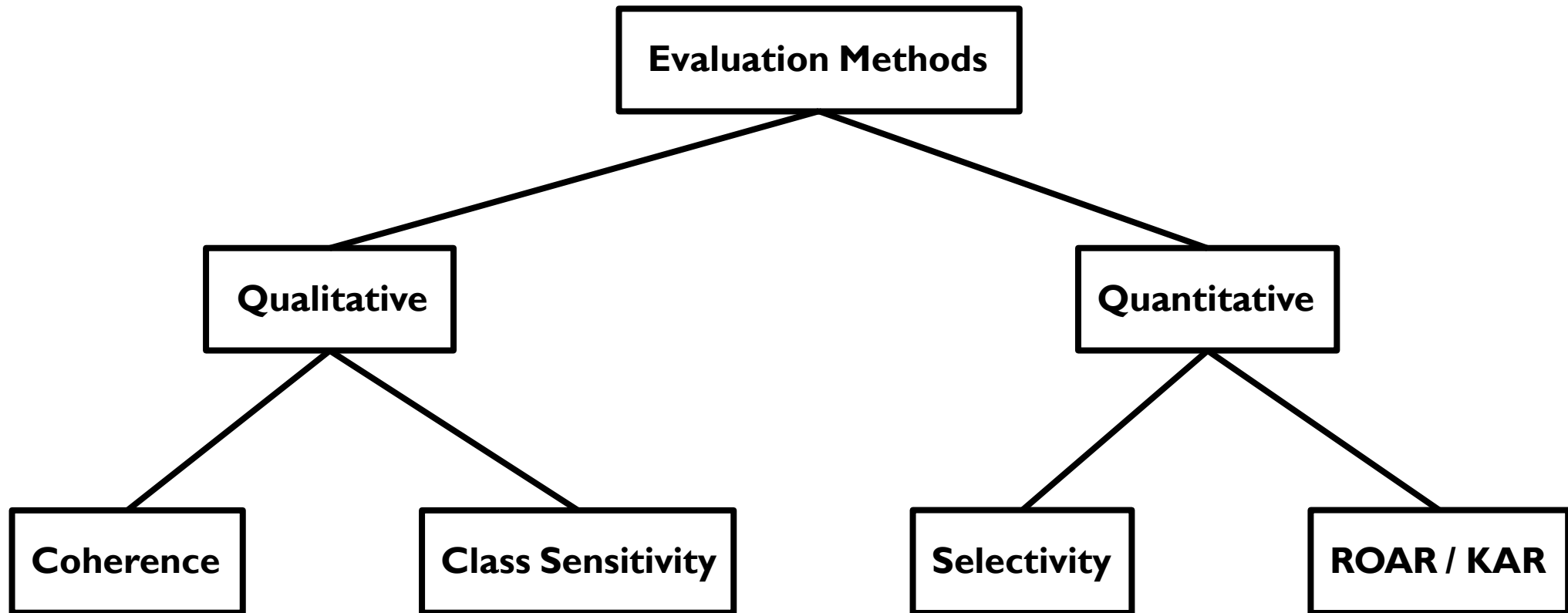
3d. Quantitative: ROAR & KAR. Low class prob cuz image unseen → remove pixels, retrain, measure acc. drop

Attribution Method Review

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Evaluating Attribution Methods



3a – Qualitative: coherence

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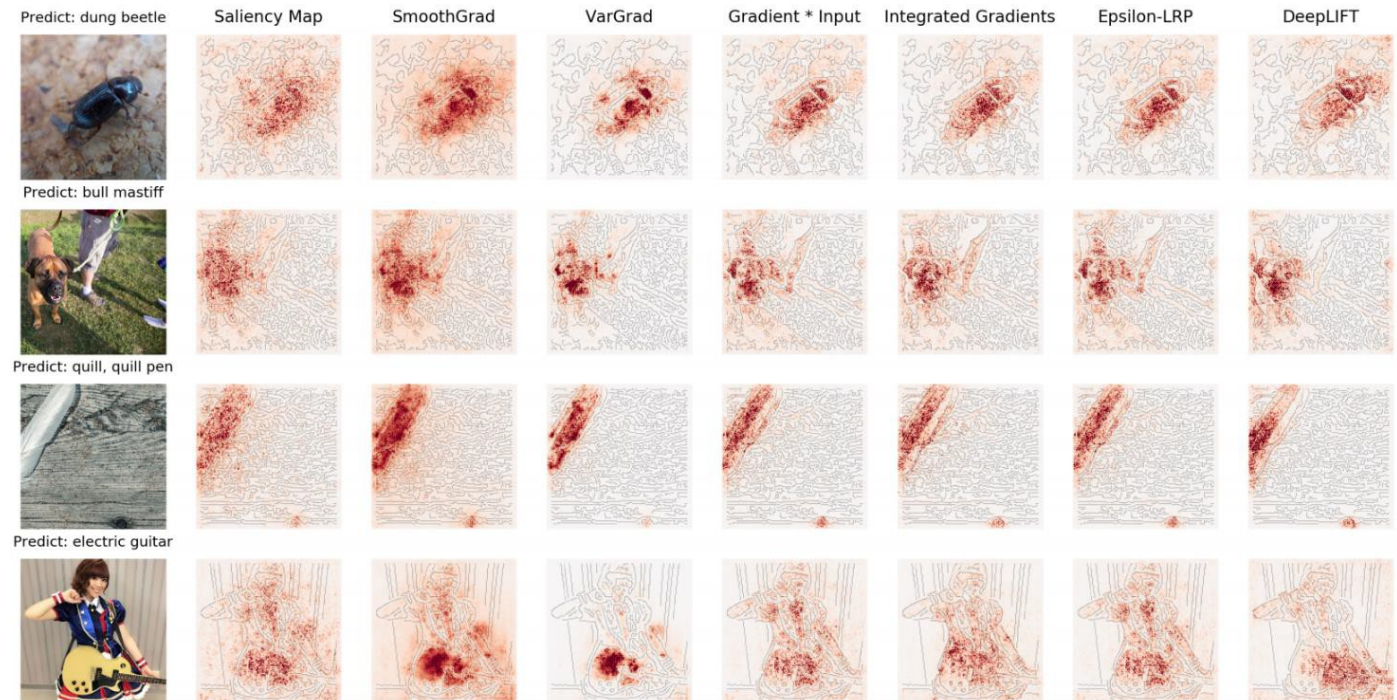
Coherence

Class Sensitivity

Selectivity

ROAR / KAR

-Attributions should fall on discriminative features (e.g.the object of interest)



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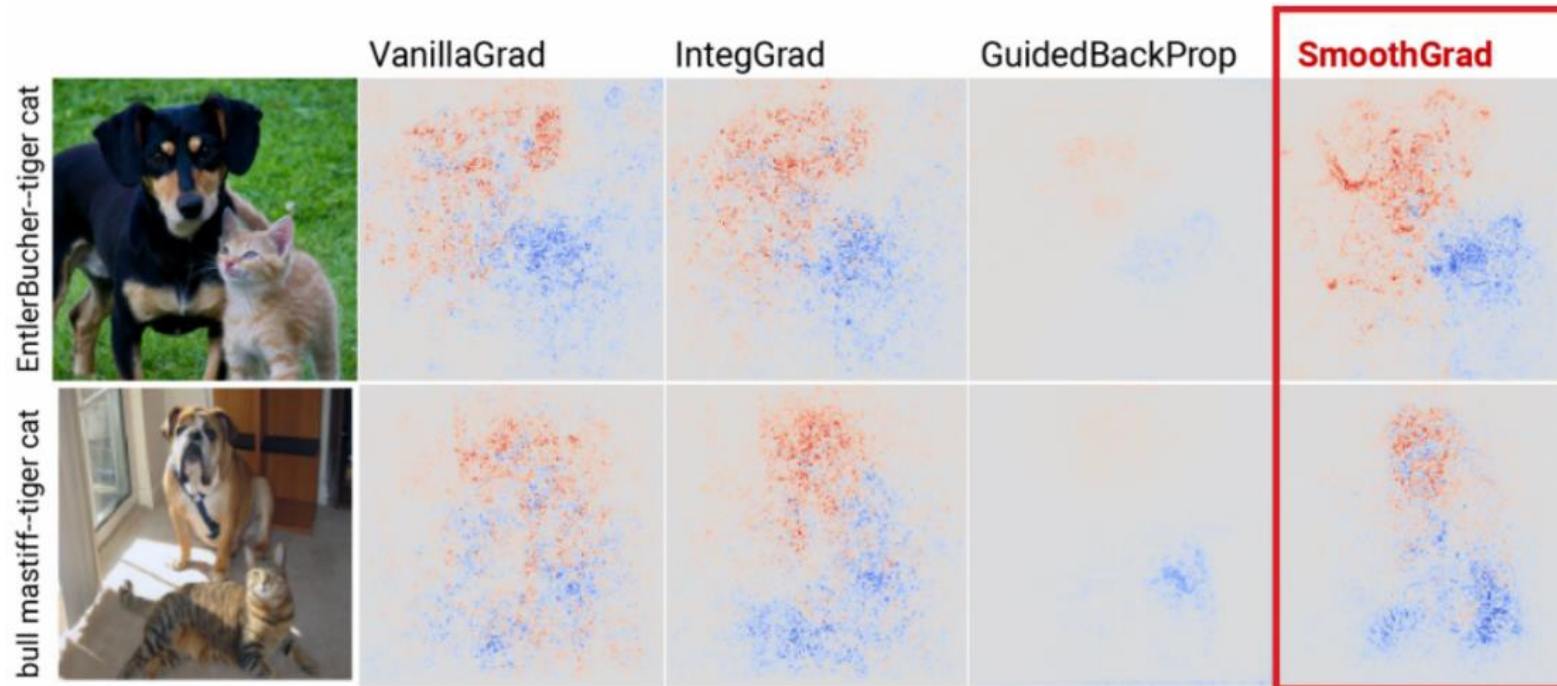
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Evaluating Attribution Methods

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Algorithm

Sort pixel attribution values $R_i(x)$

Iterate:

Remove pixels

Evaluate $f(x)$

Measure decrease of $f(x)$

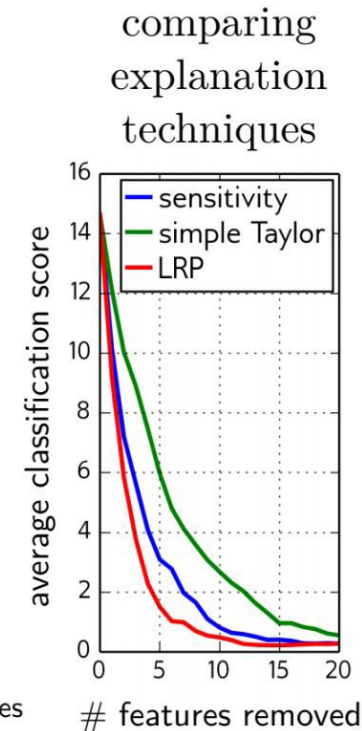
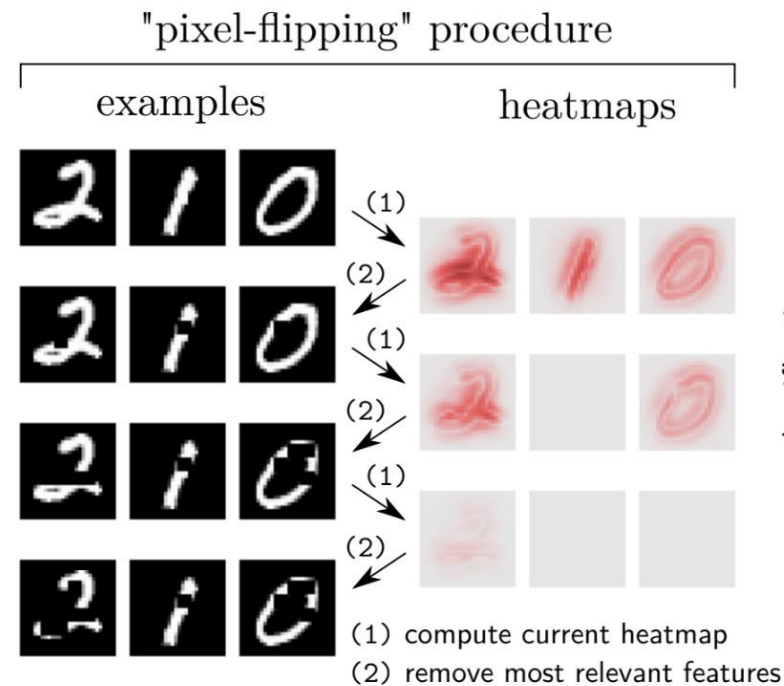
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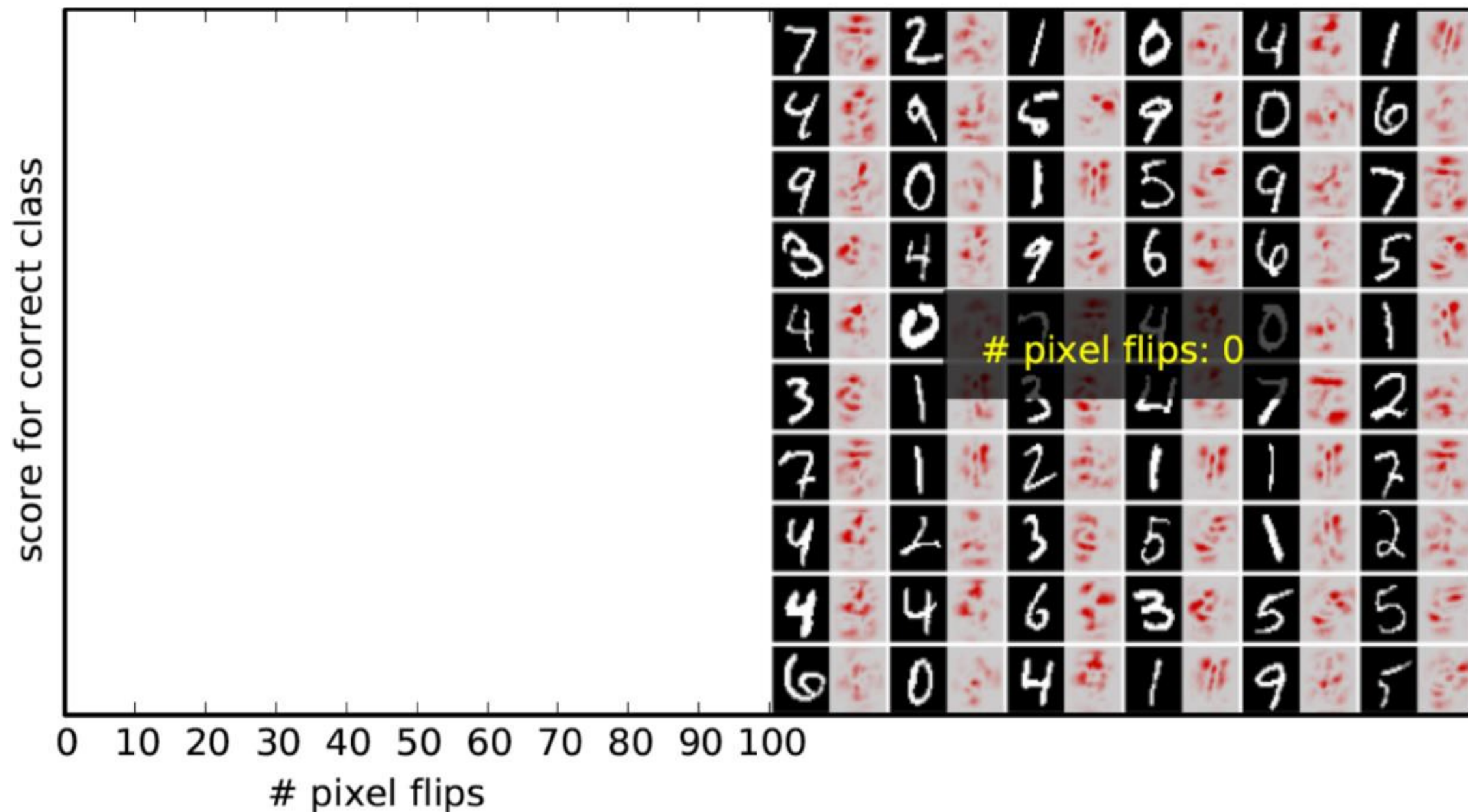
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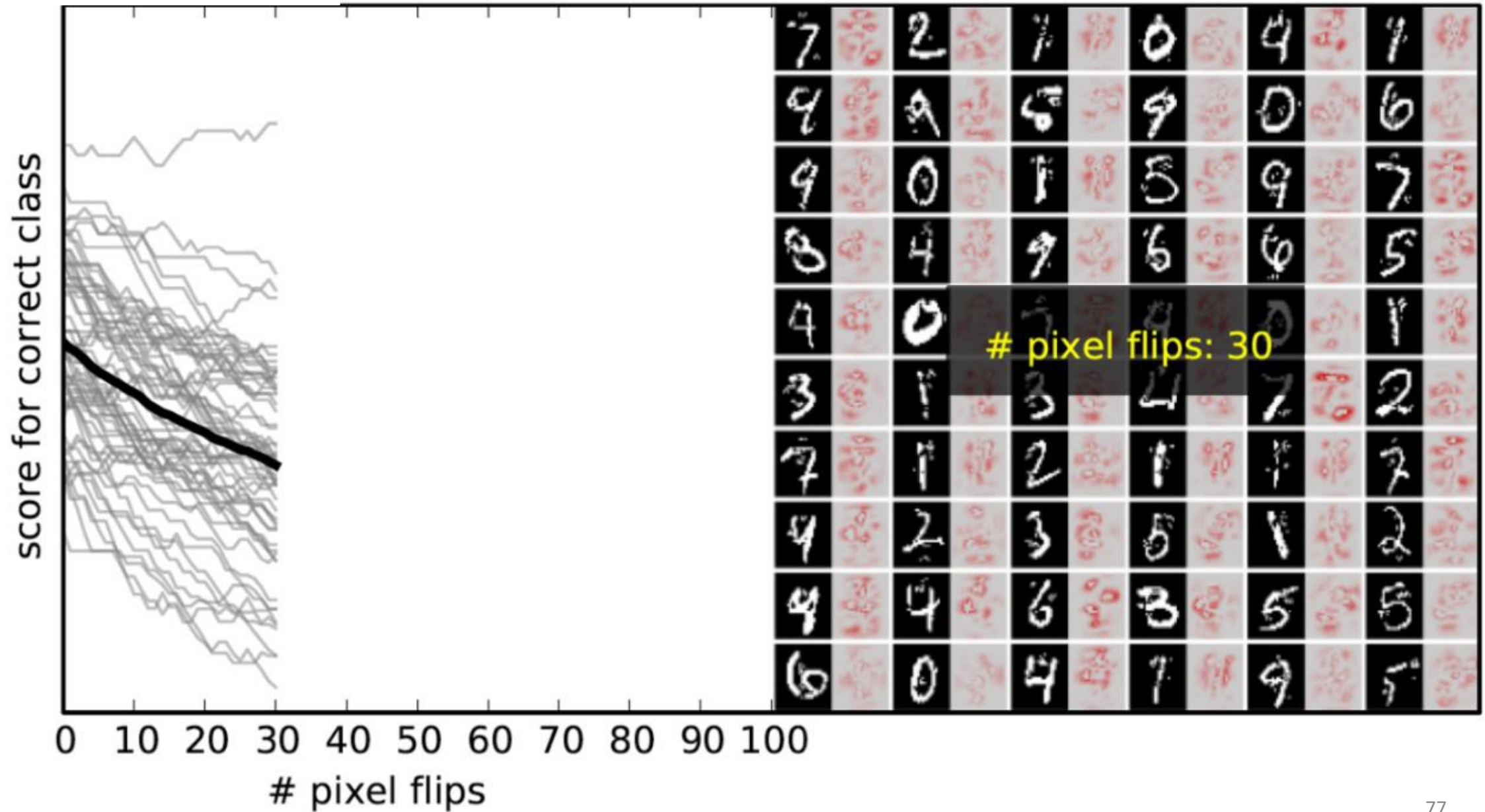
ROAR / KAR



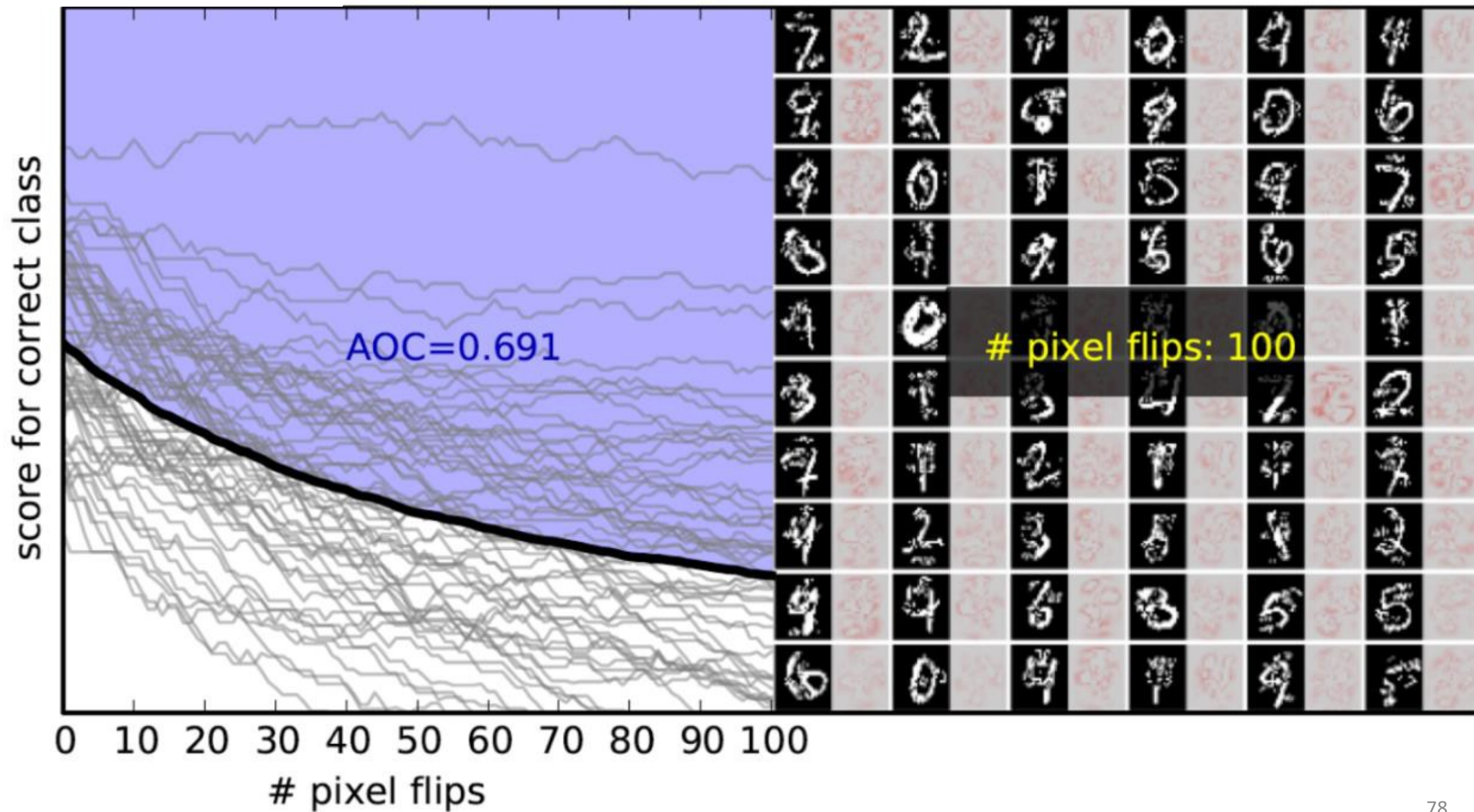
Selectivity on Saliency Map



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Evaluating Attribution Methods

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- Sensitivity may not be accurate
- Class probability may decrease because the DNN has never seen such image

Remove and Retrain (ROAR) / **Keep and Retrain** (KAR)

Measure how the performance of the classifier changes as features are removed based on the attribution method

- ROAR: replace $N\%$ of pixels estimated to be *most* important
- KAR: replace $N\%$ of pixels estimated to be *least* important
- Retrain DNN and measure change in test accuracy

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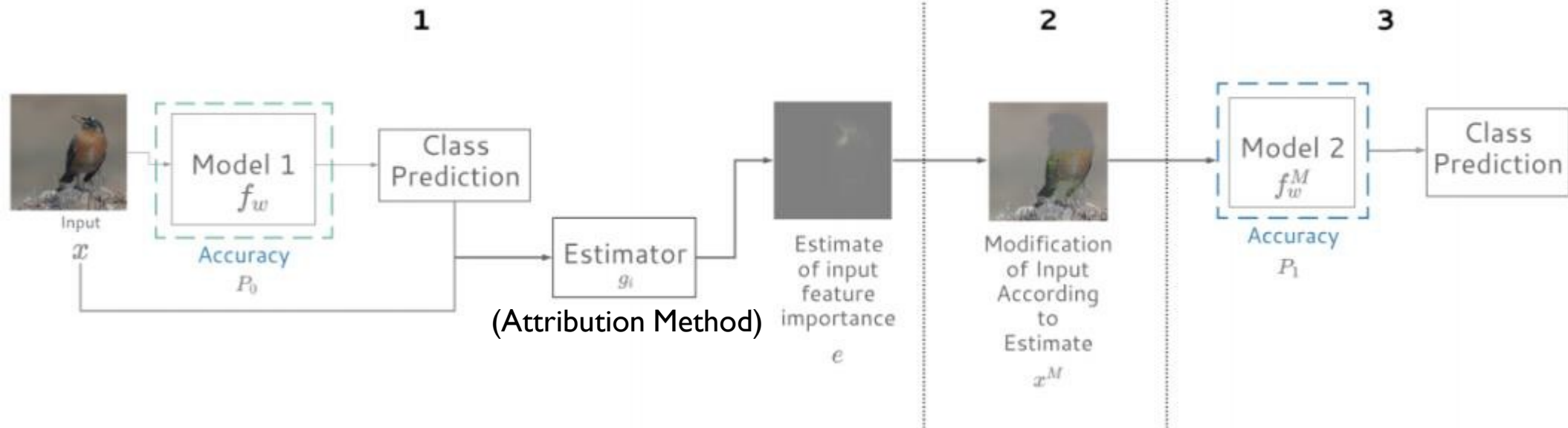
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ROAR / KAR

ROAR – RemOve And Retrain



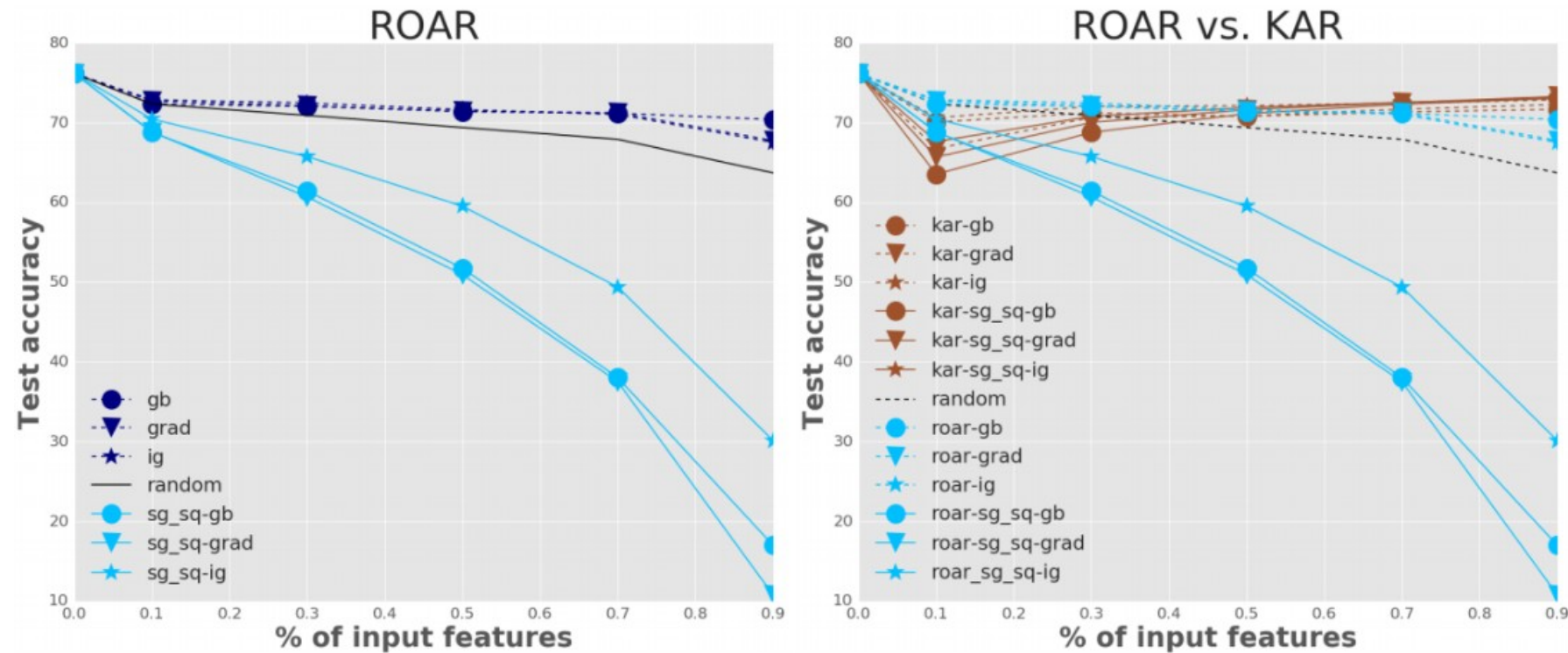
Evaluating Attribution Methods

Coherence

Class Sensitivity

Selectivity

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Interpretable Deep Learning

1. Intro to Interpretability

1a. Interpretability definition: Convert implicit NN information to human-interpretable information

1b. Motivation: Verify model works as intended; debug classifier; make discoveries; Right to explanation

1c. Ante-hoc (train interpretable model) vs. **Post-hoc** (interpret complex model; degree of “locality”)

2. Interpreting Deep Neural Networks

2a. Interpreting Models (macroscopic, understand internals) vs. **decisions** (microscopic, practical applications)

2b. Interpreting Models: Weight visualization, Surrogate model, Activation maximization, Example-based

2c. Interpreting Decisions:

- Example-based
- Attribution Methods: why are gradients noisy?
- Gradient-based Attribution: SmoothGrad, Interior Gradient
- Backprop-based Attribution: Deconvolution, Guided Backpropagation

3. Evaluating Attribution Methods

3a. Qualitative: Coherence: Attributions should highlight discriminative features / objects of interest

3b. Qualitative: Class Sensitivity: Attributions should be sensitive to class labels

3c. Quantitative: Sensitivity: Removing feature with high attribution → large decrease in class probability

3d. Quantitative: ROAR & KAR. Low class prob cuz image unseen → remove pixels, retrain, measure acc. drop

Summary

1. Introduction to Interpretability

- Interpretability is converting implicit information in DNN to (human) interpretable information
- Ante-hoc Interpretability vs. Post-hoc Interpretability
- Post-hoc interpretability techniques can be classified by degree of “locality”

2. Interpreting Deep Neural Networks

- Interpreting Models vs. Interpreting Decisions
- Interpreting Models: weight visualization, surrogate model, activation maximization, example-based
- Interpreting Decisions: example-based, attribution methods

3. Evaluating Attribution Methods

- Qualitative Evaluation Methods: coherence, class sensitivity
- Quantitative Evaluation Methods: Sensitivity, ROAR & KAR