

Towards Trustworthy AI

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Outline

- ▶ Deep inspection of AI model
 - ▶ Robustness property
 - ▶ Sensitivity property
 - ▶ A novel property

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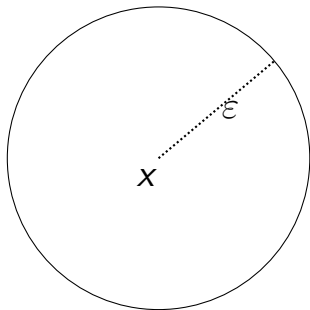
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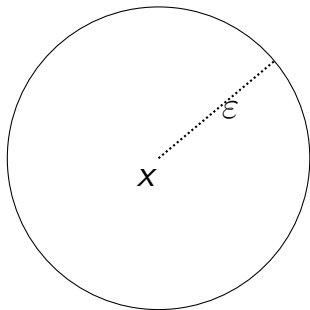
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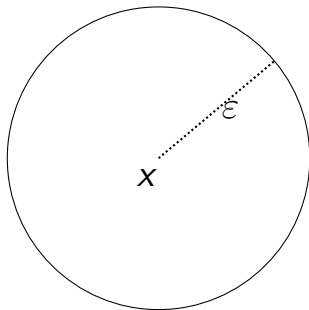


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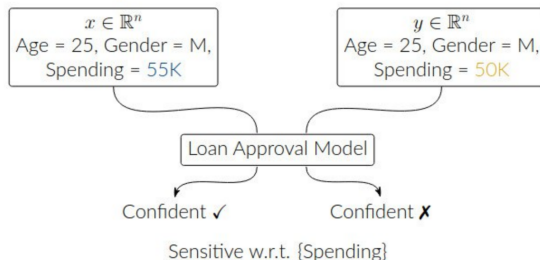
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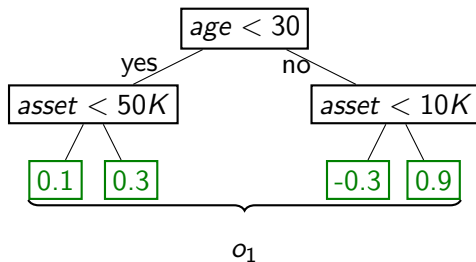
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$$F = \{age\}$$

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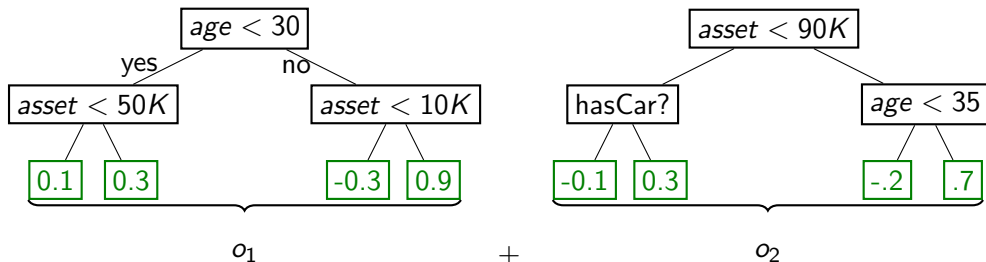
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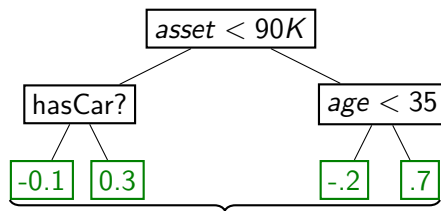
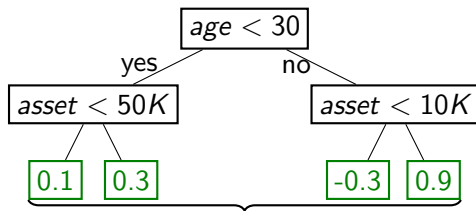
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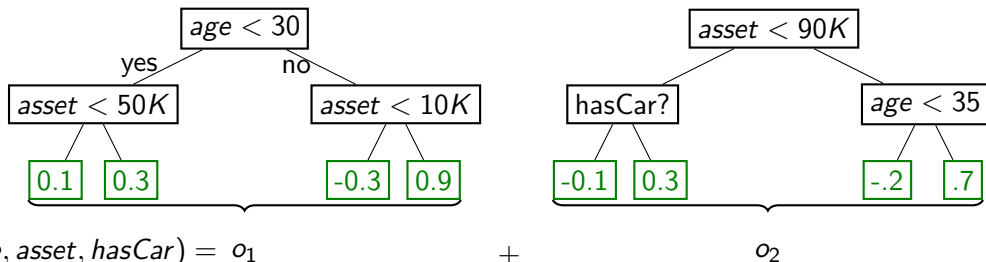
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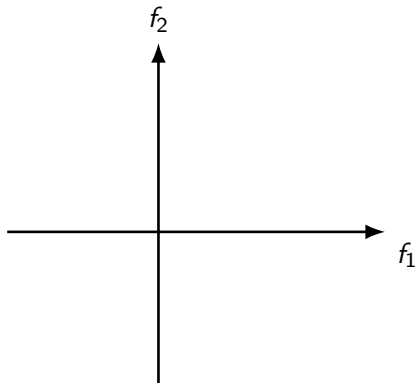
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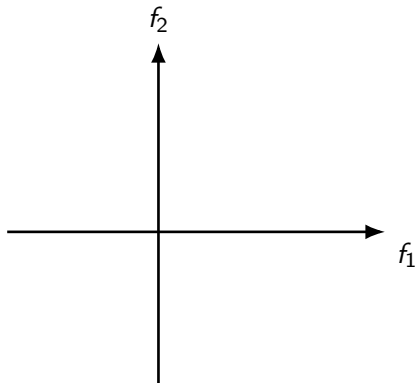
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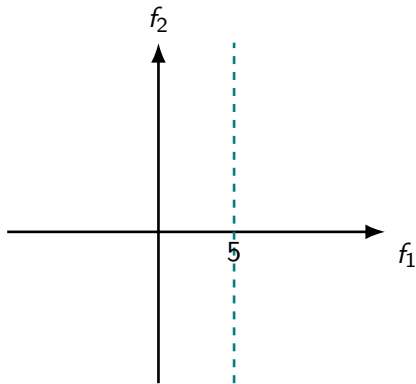


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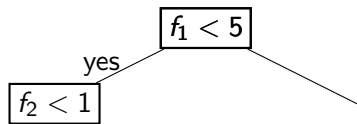
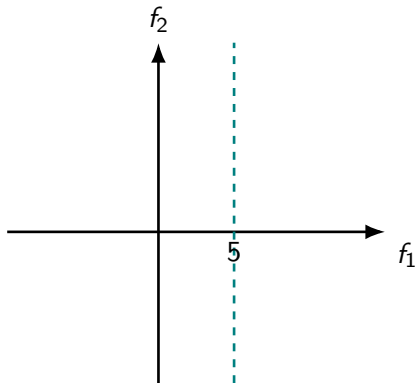
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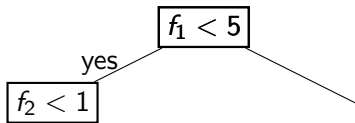
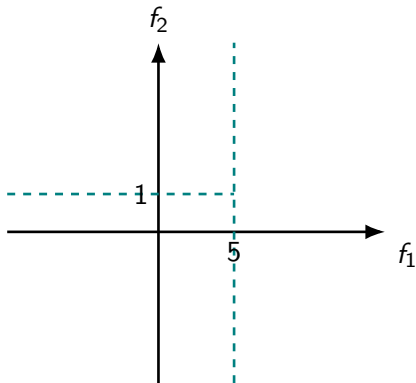


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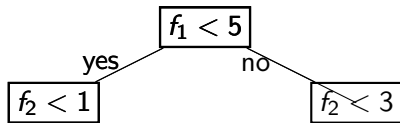
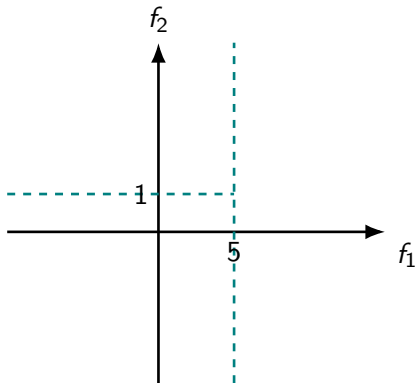
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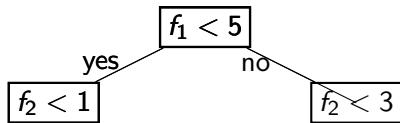
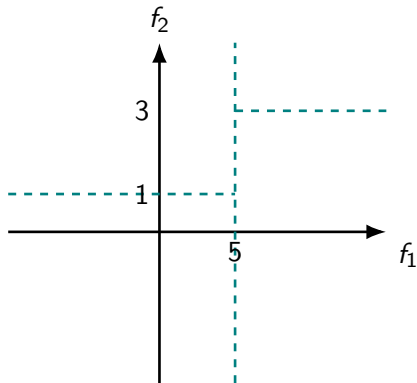
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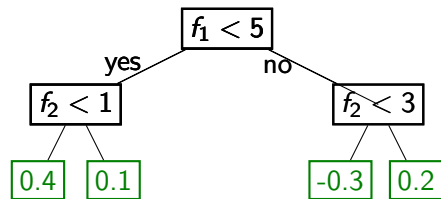
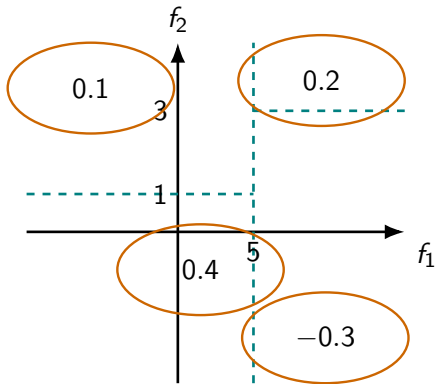
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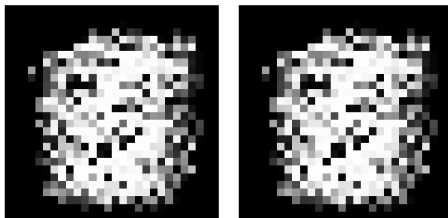
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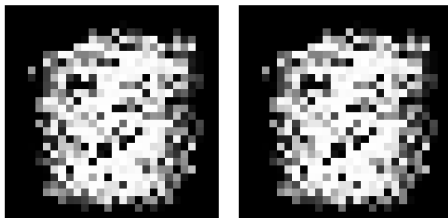


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Proposed : "Find where not just what"

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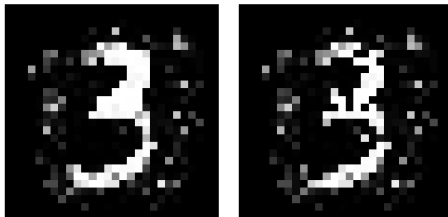
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We modify our constraints to optimize the following objective function.

$$u(x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}) = \prod_{i=1}^f \pi_i(x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}).$$

Example(1): Data-aware sensitivity search

We made our search data aware, which resulted in finding the following sensitive pair for the model.



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The insensitive features in the training data points that are far away from the sensitive pair are highlighted with cyan color.

Better quality results!

After adding the objective function, we found a sensitive pair closer to the data.

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Objective function vs No-Objective function	76.6	1.15	22.1

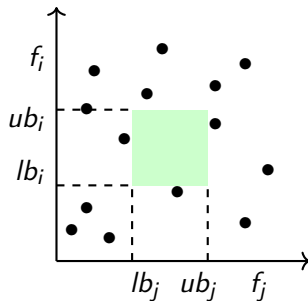
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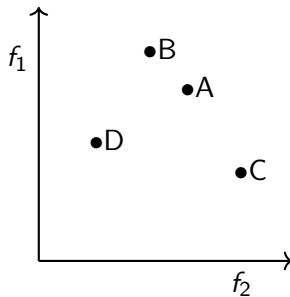
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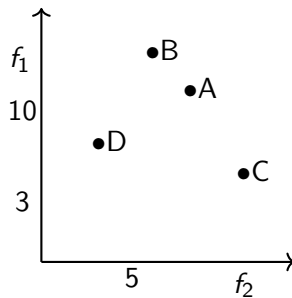


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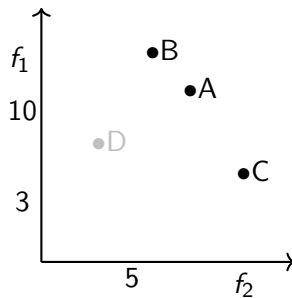
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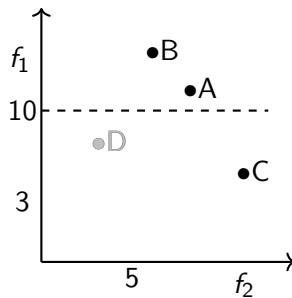
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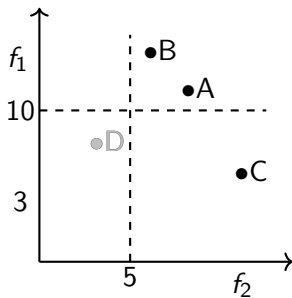
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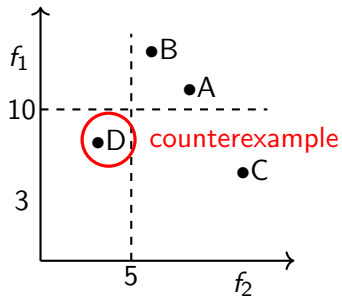


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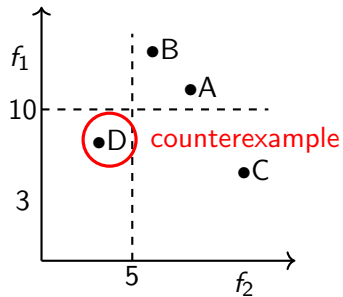
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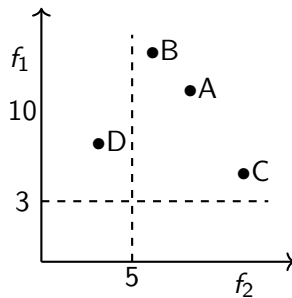
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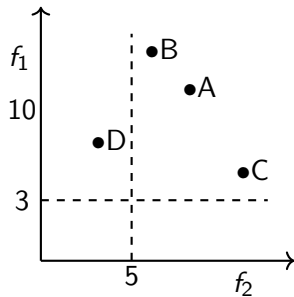
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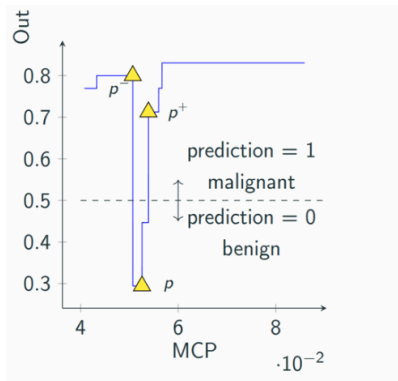
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A novel property: Glitch

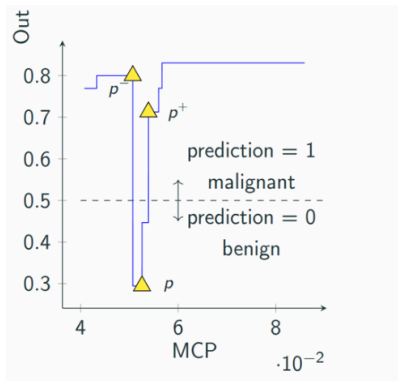
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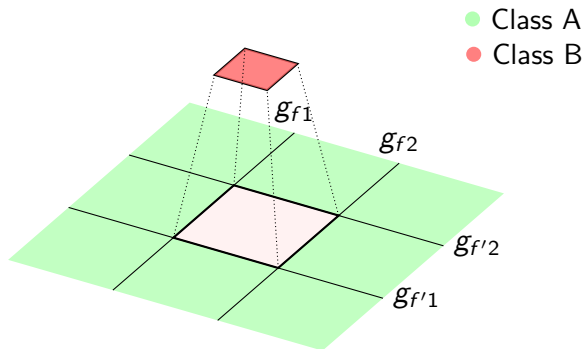
Let $\mathcal{F}: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a tree ensemble model.

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$$\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}^-) > \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}) \wedge \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}) < \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}^+) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}^-) < \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}) \wedge \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}) > \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}^+)$$

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Evidence of Glitches in Neural Networks



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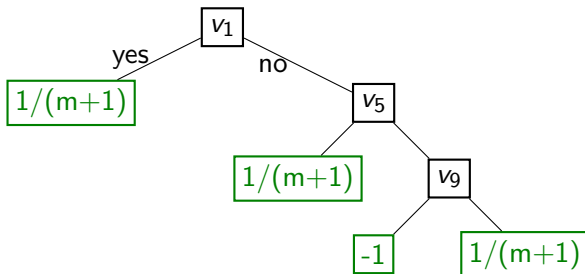
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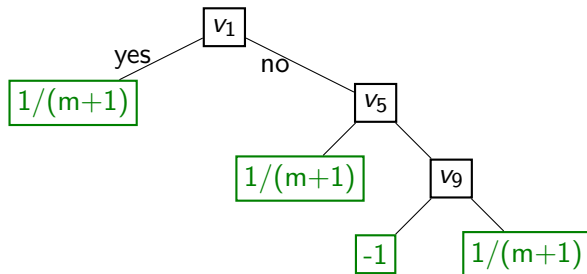


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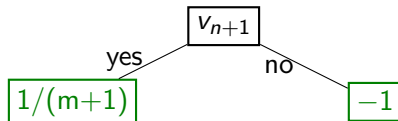
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Recall ϕ' has $m + 1$ clauses.

Proof: consider the last clause of ϕ'

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