

Explainable Deep learning

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Literature Survey

Few relevant papers:

- Model compression
- Unifying distillation and privileged information
- Learning global additive explanations for neural nets using model distillation
- Born-again neural networks
- Hierarchical interpretations for neural network predictions
- Distilling a neural network into a soft decision tree

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Our work

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Experimental Setup

- The pipeline as shown in Figure 1 describes the procedure to replicate the results of Ribeiro⁸
- Train two different classifiers (neural networks) for a classification task on a certain dataset after which, the LIME package (provided by the authors) is used to generate local explanations for a given instance from the dataset.
- LIME are local, hence sub-modular picking is needed to generate global explanations
- These explanations are given to human subjects for a trustworthiness test.

⁸Ribeiro, Singh, and Guestrin, “Why should i trust you?: Explaining the predictions of any classifier” .

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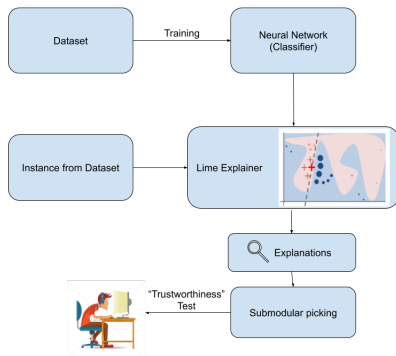
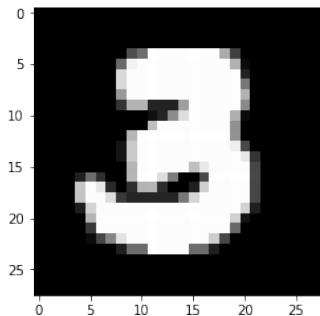


Figure: Pipeline for generating explanation from a classifier

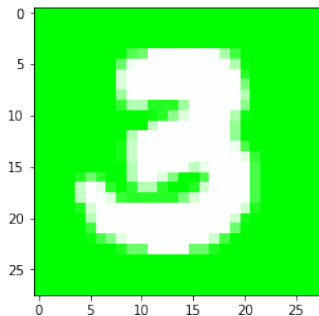
Setup

- For the image classification explainability task, we have trained a CNN on MNIST and CIFAR-10 image dataset.
- Since the fine tuning of networks does not play a role in explainability, the details of the architecture used here are omitted.
- LIME generated for some of the instances are shown in the next few slides.

Results: LIME Explanations for MNIST



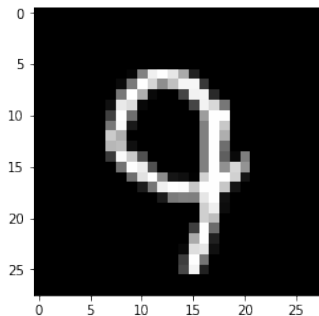
(a) Original instance from MNIST dataset



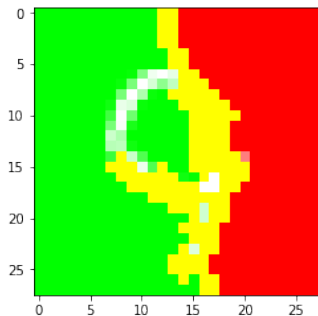
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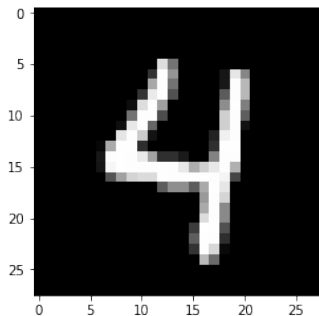
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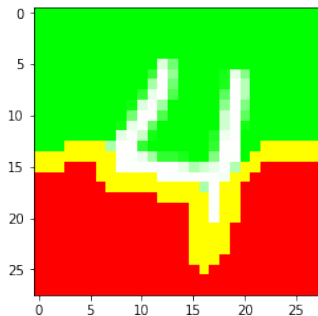
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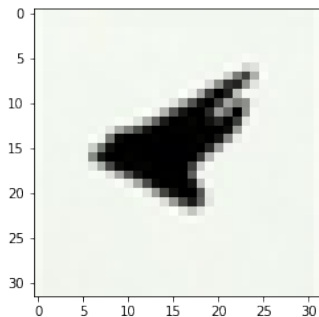
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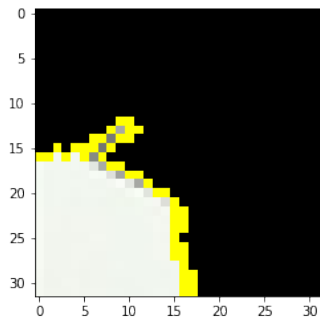
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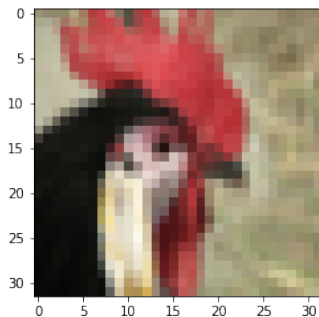
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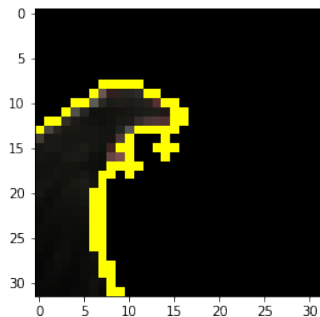
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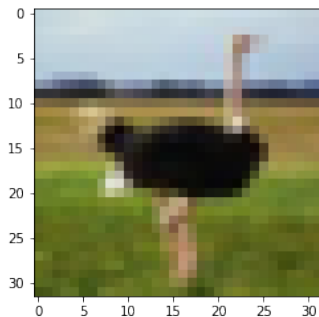
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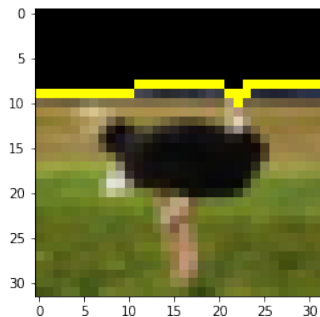
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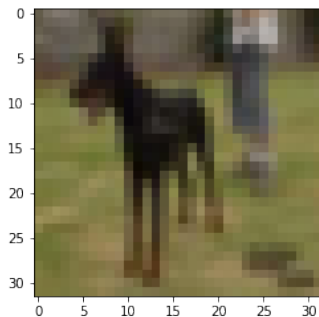
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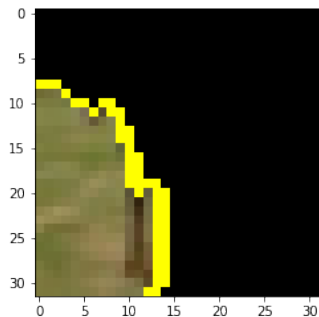
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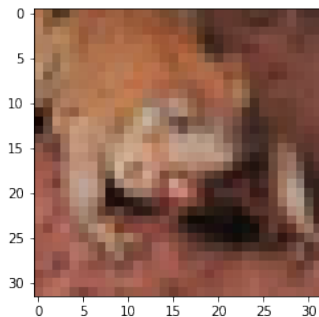
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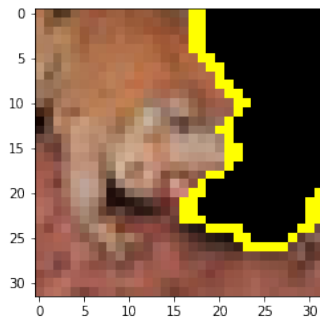
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