



# SHAP-IQ: Unified Approximation of any-order Shapley Interactions

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## Collaboration

#### Meet us at the conference!





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## Motivation: Explaining Language Models







# **Background – Shapley Interactions**

## Shapley interactions are defined as different indices

- Shapley Interaction Index (SII) (Grabisch and Roubens, 1999)
- n-Shapley Values (n-SII) (Bordt and von Luxburg, 2023)
- Shapley Taylor Interaction Index (STI) (Sundararajan et al., 2020)
- Faithful Shapley Interaction Index (FSI) (Tsai et al., 2023)

Cardinal Interaction Index (CII) subsumes all indices above (Grabisch and Roubens, 1999)

A broad class of interaction indices, including **all indices** that satisfy the (generalized) *linearity, symmetry* and *dummy* axioms:





# Background – Existing Approximations

## Problem: Existing Approximations are limited!

- **No unification:** Methods are index-specific
  - SII and STI: Permutation-based (PB) extends ApproShapley (Castro et al., 2009)
  - FSI: Kernel-based (KB) estimation extends KernelSHAP (Lundberg and Lee, 2017)
- Inefficient: PB approximation updates estimates only selectively
- Unknown Guarantees: Analyzing KB approximation remains challenging

## Solution: SHAP-IQ as a universal approximator of general interaction indices!

- Based on the broad class of CIIs
- Updates estimates efficienctly
- Supported by theoretical guarantees



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▶ We provide a **novel representation of CIIs** which does **not** depend on  $\delta_S^{\nu}$ :

Theorem 4.1 (Novel Representation)



► We construct **SHAP-IQ**, an efficient **sampling-based estimator**:

Definition 4.2 (SHAP-IQ: Shapley Interaction Quantification)





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#### **SHAP-IQ** estimates

- are **unbiased and consistent** (Theorem 4.3)
- satisfy a finite sample deviation bound (Theorem 4.3)
- maintain efficiency for n-SII and STI (Theorem 4.7)

#### SHAP-IQ yields implications for the Shapley Value:

- A novel representation of the Shapley value (Theorem 4.4)
- SHAP-IQ is Unbiased KernelSHAP (Covert and Lee, 2021) (Theorem 4.5)
  - ► A greatly simplified representation of Unbiased KernelSHAP



## Approximation Quality of SHAP-IQ compared to Baselines



 SHAP-IQ efficiently and consistently estimates all types of CIIs and substantially outperforms the permutation sampling baseline for SII and STI.

# The Road Ahead and Open Source Implementation

## Interpretation of Shapley Interactions

- An interaction is the joint effect of a group of features
- SHAP-IQ estimates are the (average) contribution of the interaction to the prediction.

#### Get in touch with us!

- 🕈 Great Hall & Hall B1+B2
- **Wednesday** 12/13/2023 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

#### Implementation



#### SHAP-IQ

- Install: pip install shapiq
- Design: if you are familiar with shap you should feel right at home
- **Join**: looking for collaborations!

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## Example Use Case: Estimation of n-SII Values



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Shapley Value order 1





## Approximation of different CIIs using SHAP-IQ



#### Setup

- Indices: SII and STI are estimated with permutation sampling and FSI with a regression
- LM: sentiment analysis model
- SOUM: synthetic model with strong interactions
- ► SHAP-IQ efficiently and consistently estimates all types of CIIs.

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► The FSI regression estimator on the LM is superior to SHAP-IQ.

# Approximation Quality of SHAP-IQ and the SII Baseline



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## Setup

- **Task**: explanation of a transformerbased sentiment analysis model with the *SII*
- Model: DistilBERT fine-tuned on IMDB
- Data: tokenized sentences with d = 14 words
- ► SHAP-IQ substantially outperforms the permutation sampling baseline yielding higher-quality approximation results for the SII.