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Causal Explanation of Convolutional Neural Networks

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Abstract

In this paper we introduce an explanation technique for Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) based on the theory of causality by Halpern and Pearl [12]. The causal explanation technique (CexCNN) is based on measuring the filter importance to a CNN decision, which is measured through counterfactual reasoning. In addition, we employ extended definitions of causality, which are responsibility and blame to weight the importance of such filters and project