

# Layer-Wise Relevance Propagation: An Overview

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# Abstract

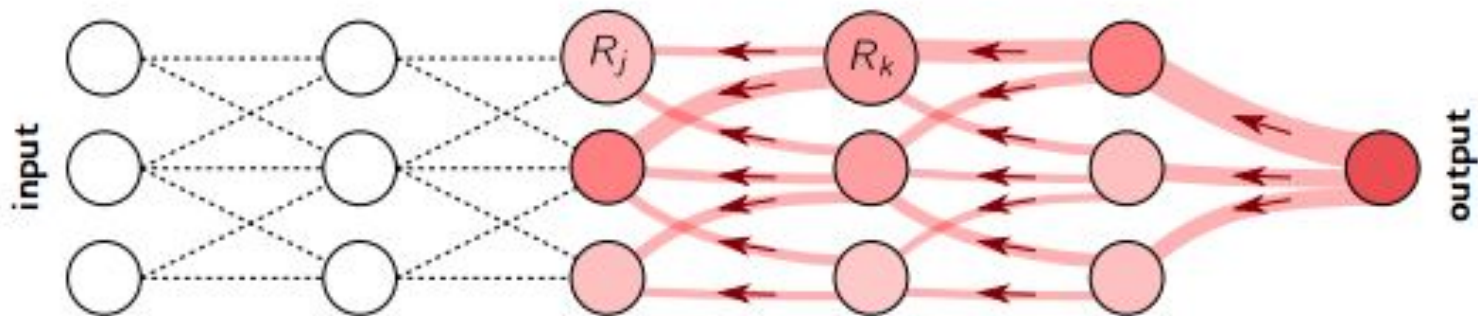
- Developing methods for explainable AI is an area of active research
- In the future, it will be inevitable to highlight the input features the machine learning model uses to support the prediction outcome for critical use cases
- Layer-wise Relevance Propagation (LRP) is one of the techniques that brings such explainability

# Layer-wise Relevance Propagation - Part I

- A technique that leverages the graph structure of the deep neural network
- The procedure is subject to the conservation property and behaviour is analogous to Kirchoff's conservation laws in electrical circuits
- Let  $j$  and  $k$  be neurons at two consecutive layers of the neural network. Propagating relevance scores is defined as:

$$R_j = \sum_k \frac{z_{jk}}{\sum_j z_{jk}} R_k.$$

## Layer-wise Relevance Propagation - Part II



**Fig. 10.2.** Illustration of the LRP procedure. Each neuron redistributes to the lower layer as much as it has received from the higher layer.

$$R_j = \sum_k \frac{a_j w_{jk}}{\sum_{0,j} a_j w_{jk}} R_k$$

Basic Rule

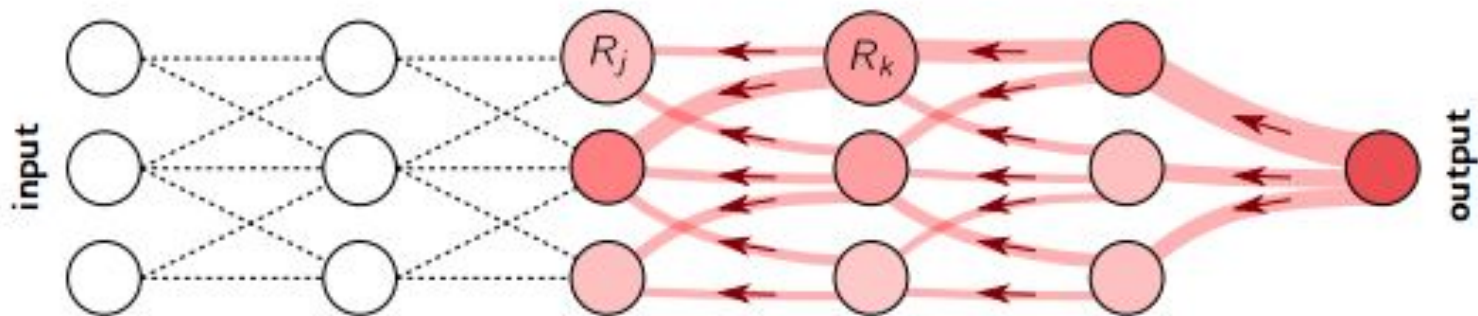
$$R_j = \sum_k \frac{a_j \cdot \rho(w_{jk})}{\epsilon + \sum_{0,j} a_j \cdot \rho(w_{jk})} R_k,$$

Epsilon Rule

$$R_j = \sum_k \frac{a_j \cdot (w_{jk} + \gamma w_{jk}^+)}{\sum_{0,j} a_j \cdot (w_{jk} + \gamma w_{jk}^+)} R_k$$

Gamma Rule

## Layer-wise Relevance Propagation - Part III



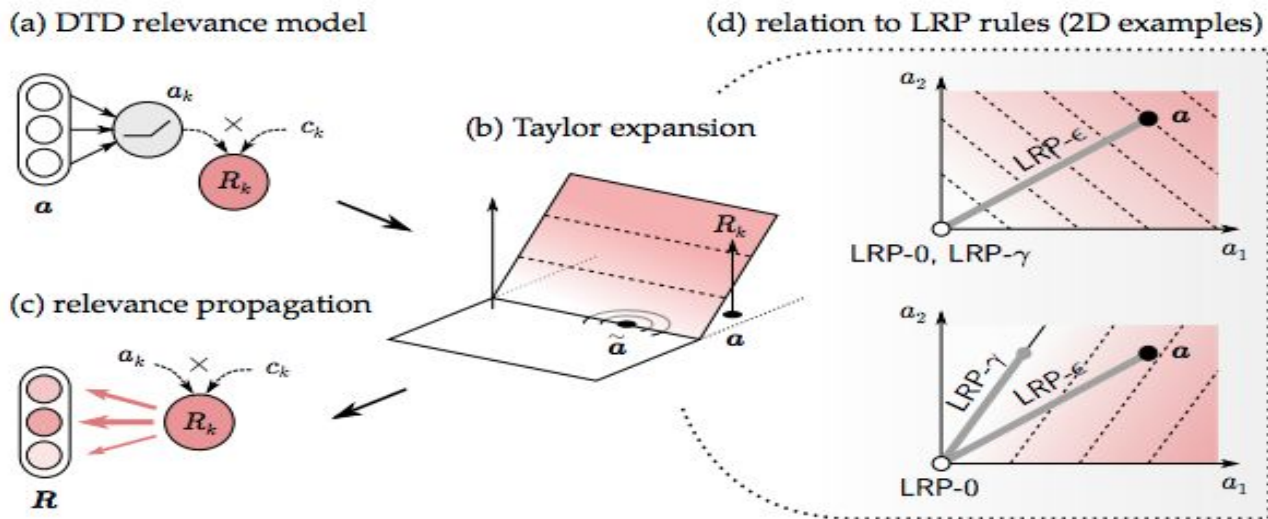
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Propagation operations:

$$\forall_k : z_k = \epsilon + \sum_{0,j} a_j \cdot \rho(w_{jk}) \quad (\text{forward pass})$$
$$\forall_k : s_k = R_k / z_k \quad (\text{element-wise division})$$
$$\forall_j : c_j = \sum_k \rho(w_{jk}) \cdot s_k \quad (\text{backward pass})$$
$$\forall_j : R_j = a_j c_j \quad (\text{element-wise product})$$

# LRP as Deep Taylor Decomposition (Interpretation)

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) + \sum_{i=1}^d (x_i - \tilde{x}_i) \cdot [\nabla f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})]_i + \dots$$



**Fig. 10.3.** Illustration of DTD: (a) graph view of the relevance model, (b) function view of the relevance model and reference point at which the Taylor expansion is performed, (c) propagation of first-order terms on the lower layer.

# Some Use Cases

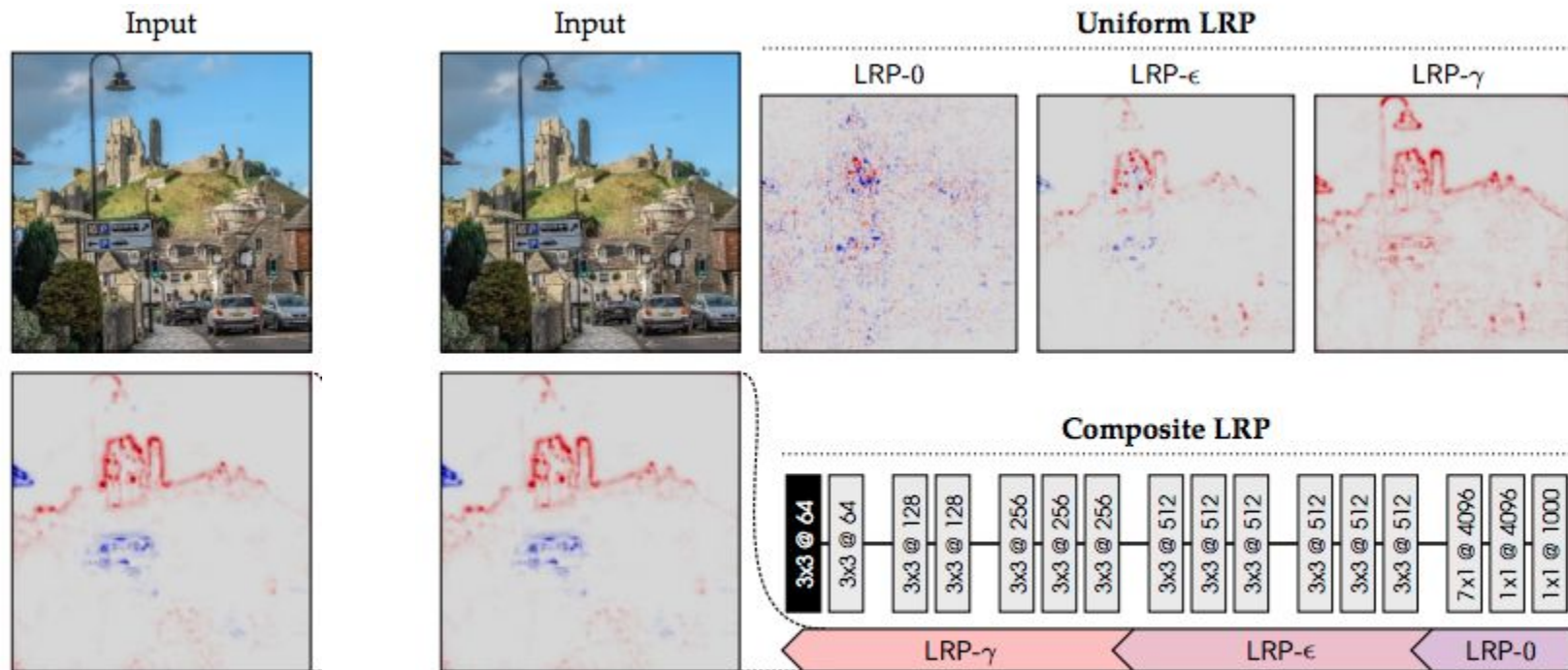


Fig. 10.4. Input image and pixel-wise explanations of the output neuron 'castle' obtained with various LRP procedures. Parameters are  $\epsilon = 0.25$  std and  $\gamma = 0.25$ .

# Implementation - Movie Reviews Sentiment Analysis

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/ybybgz4x>

- **Glove Embedding**  
True class: Negative review  
Predicted class: Negative review ( 0.9515501 ) [0=True, 1=False]
- **Simple Dense Keras network**  
Top 10 - Positive Contribute  
[('ed', 0.23428376), ('running', 0.19387451), ('believe', 0.1913349), ('not', 0.18128063), ('plot', 0.16896152)]
- **Accuracy - 91%**  
Top 10 - Negative Contribute  
[('him', -0.1360347), ('film', -0.14448667), ('who', -0.16167434), ('introduces', -0.17170446), ('ray', -0.19200623)]  
  
Text:  
I was ed when couldn see this one when it was screening at the Philly Film Fest last year so when saw that it was going to be on cable tonight put it on remind as soon as could So was it worth the wait Well let backtrack tad as have yet to give you the plot Sean Crawley is young man who doesn k now what his path in life is Enter Duke George Wendt who introduces him to his boss Ray Danny Bald win One night Ray totally hammered asks Sean to off the guy that they had Sean following around And it goes on from there Which leads me back to the question posed Was it worth the wait Yes and no the buildup was pretty good and George Wendt stole the movie for me He just took the ball and ran with it But it nowhere near as violent as was led to believe and somewhere along the movies running time the ball is not only dropped but fumbled and taken in the other direction know where this point happened exactly but can say without spoiling the film But needless to say it happened The ending doesn save the film either Poor Stuart Gordon nothing can be good like Re animator or Castle Freak My Grade CWhere saw it Showtime ExtremeEye Candy Kari Wuhrer shows her ta tas in one fantasy and then in the next more ta tas and it pans down and OH MY GOD MY EYES MY EYES