

# Necessity of explaining ML models and a choice of XAI - approaches for supervised learning

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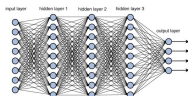
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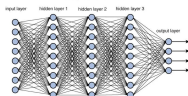
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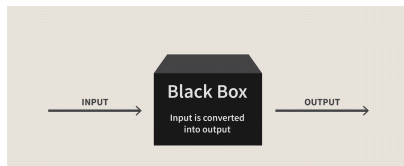
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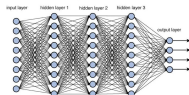
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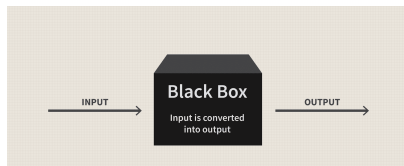
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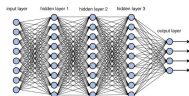
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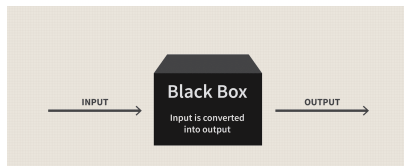
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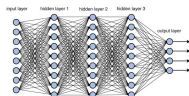
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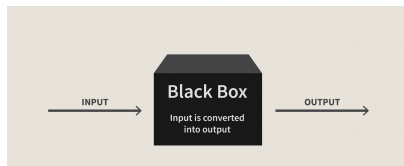
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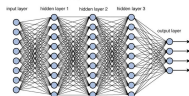
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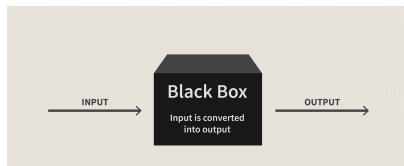
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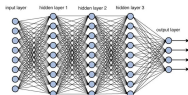
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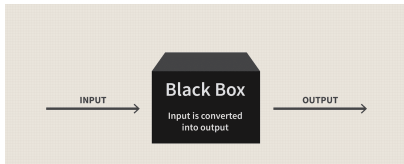
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## Many considerations about explainable AI:

- prevent discrimination (cp. GDPR)
- regulation: **Artificial intelligence act**

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## Selection of popular methods:

	model - agnostic	model - specific
global	Partial Dependence Plot (short: PDP)	Feature Importance for DecisionTreeRegressor (scikit - learn)
local	SHAP	...

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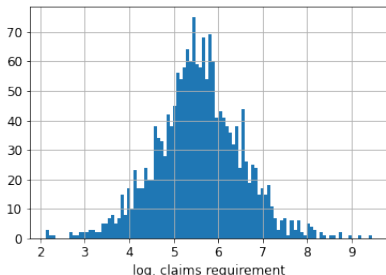
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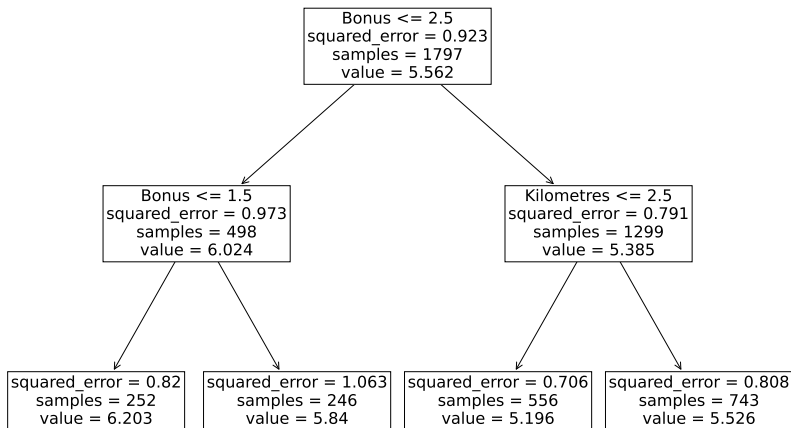
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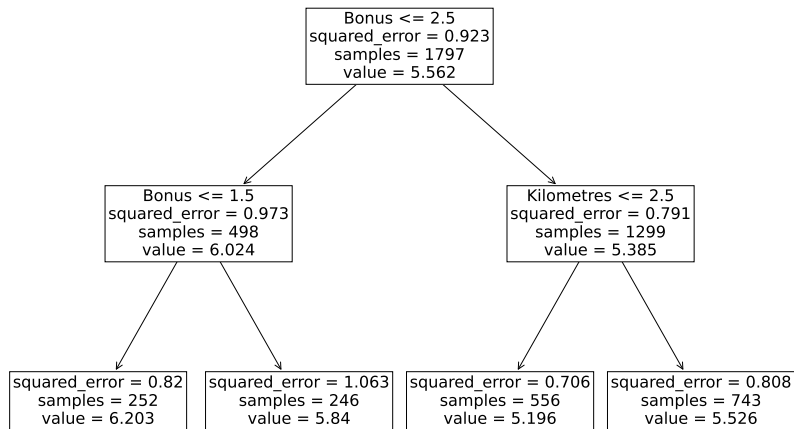
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## Result:

The decision tree depends only on the features “Bonus” and “Kilometres”.

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Initial data set:

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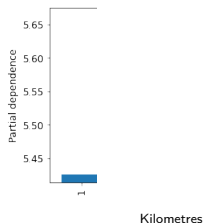
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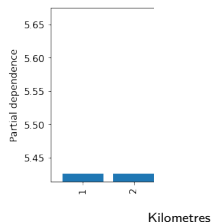
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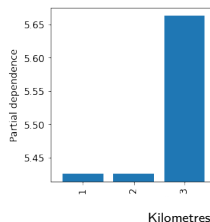
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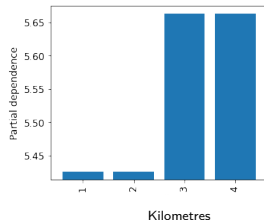
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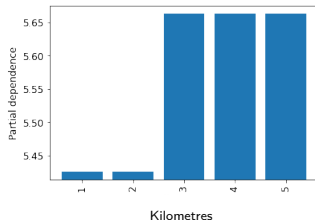
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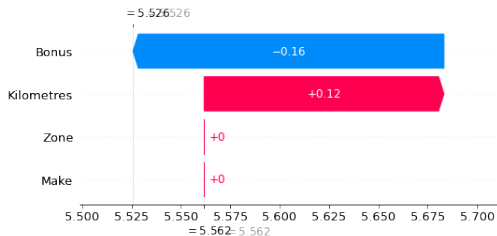
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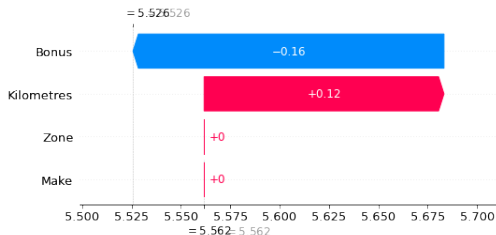
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- ⇒ As expected, *Zone* and *Make* do not have any impact on the result.
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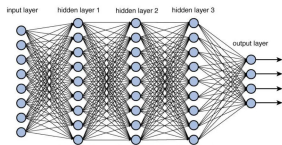
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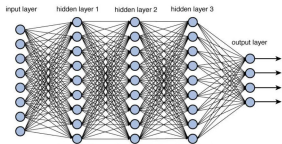
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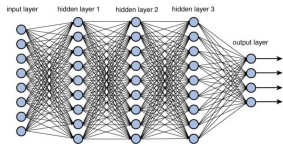
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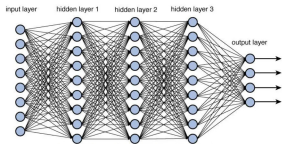
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