

# Efficient Sampling Approaches to Shapley Value Approximation

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# Shapley Value



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➤ Shapley Value: 合作博弈论概念

➤ 衡量多个参与者对工作的贡献

Let  $N = \{z_1, \dots, z_n\}$  be a finite set of players and let  $\mathcal{U}: 2^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a “game value” function for sets of players. For each player  $z_i$ :

$$SV_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{S \subseteq N \setminus \{z_i\}} \frac{\mathcal{U}(S \cup \{z_i\}) - \mathcal{U}(S)}{\binom{n-1}{|S|}}$$

➤ 从空集开始随机地添加参与者，当添加 $z_i$ 时引起 $\mathcal{U}$

函数值变化， $z_i$ 的Shapley值就是这一变化的期望

➤ 所有参与者的Shapley值之和为 $\mathcal{U}(N)$

# Shapley Value

- Shapley value is the unique allocation of payment that satisfies all requirements in Shapley fairness
  - Balance: the payment is fully distributed to all players
  - Symmetry: same marginal contribution, same payment
  - Zero element: no marginal contribution, no payment
  - Additivity: payments on individual tasks sums up to the payment on a combined task

# Shapley Value



Permutation	A	B	C
ABC	7-0	17-7	24-17
ACB	7-0	24-15	15-7
BAC	17-4	4-0	24-17
BCA	24-14	4-0	14-4
CAB	15-6	24-15	6-0
CBA	24-14	14-6	6-0
Shapley value	$(7+7+13+10+9+10)/6$	$(10+9+4+4+9+8)/6$	$(7+8+7+10+6+6)/6$

# Monte Carlo Sampling

- Approximate the Shapley value of  $z_i$  by sampling permutations
  - ① Uniformly sample a permutation over  $[n]$
  - ② Compute marginal contributions by adding  $z_i$  over all players preceding it in permutation
  - ③ Repeat  $k$  times and output average marginal contributions

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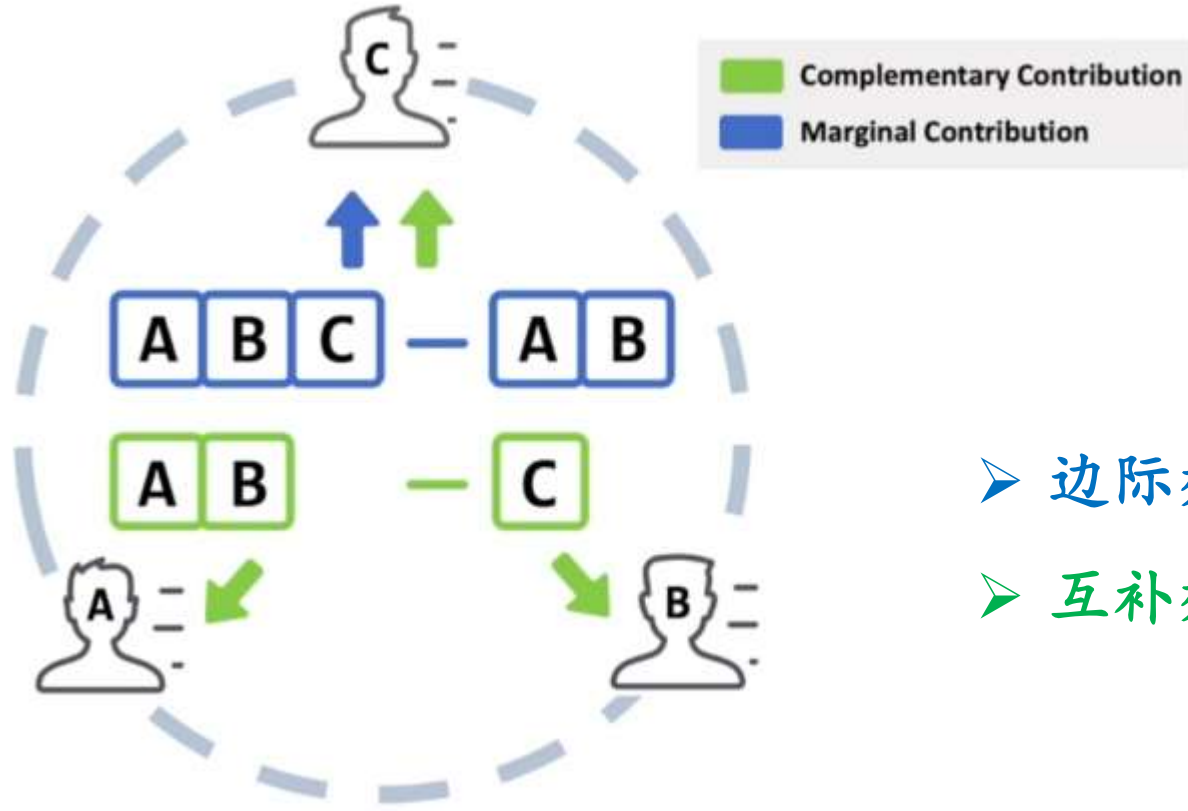
# 充分利用计算的效应函数值

- 本质是采样边际效应  $u(S \cup \{z_i\}) - u(S)$
- 计算的边际效应越多，结果越精确
- $\forall S \subseteq N, u(S)$  在 Shapley Value 的计算中被用到的次数：
  - $\forall z \in N \setminus S, u(S \cup \{z\}) - u(S)$
  - $\forall z \in S, u(S) - u(S \setminus \{z\})$
  - 共  $n$  个边际效应需要用到  $u(S)$
- 理想情况：算法中任意计算的  $u(S)$  都被 **充分利用** ( $n$ 次)

# 充分利用计算的效应函数值

- 实际情况：**不可能**全部充分利用
- 假设计算了 $u(S)$ 
  - 若要充分利用 $u(S)$ ，需要对 $\forall z \in N \setminus S$ 计算 $u(S \cup \{z\})$
  - 若要充分利用 $u(S \cup \{z\})$ ，需要对 $\forall z' \in N \setminus (S \cup \{z\})$ 计算 $u(S \cup \{z, z'\})$
  - ...
  - 需要对所有 $S \subseteq S' \subseteq N$ 计算 $u(S')$
  - 同理，需要对所有 $S' \subseteq S$ 计算 $u(S')$
  - 若要保证计算的效应函数全部充分利用需要计算 $N$ 的全部 $2^n$ 个子集

# 边际效应 vs. 互补效应



➤ 边际效应:  $MC_i(S) = \mathcal{U}(S \cup \{z_i\}) - \mathcal{U}(S)$

➤ 互补效应:  $CC_N(S) = \mathcal{U}(S) - \mathcal{U}(N \setminus S)$

定理

$$SV_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{S \subseteq N \setminus \{z_i\}} \frac{MC_i(S)}{\binom{n-1}{|S|}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{S \subseteq N \setminus \{z_i\}} \frac{CC_N(S \cup \{z_i\})}{\binom{n-1}{|S|}}$$



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# 基于互补效应的采样算法

An unbiased estimation of Shapley value

- ① Randomly generate a pair of complementary coalitions  $S, N \setminus S$
- ② Calculate  $u = U(S) - U(N \setminus S)$
- ③ Assign  $u$  to  $n$  players in  $N$ .
  - Assign  $u$  to  $|S|$ -th stratum for  $z_i \in S$
  - Assign  $-u$  to  $|N \setminus S|$ -th stratum for  $z_i \in N \setminus S$
- ④ Draw  $m$  samples and average over complementary contribution means as estimated Shapley value.

Example:

- $N = \{z_1, z_2, z_3\}$
- Draw 4 samples
  - $a = U(\{z_1, z_2, z_3\}) - U(\emptyset)$
  - $b = U(\{z_1\}) - U(\{z_2, z_3\})$
  - $c = U(\{z_1, z_2\}) - U(\{z_3\})$
  - $d = U(\{z_1, z_3\}) - U(\{z_2\})$
- $\overline{SV}_1 = \frac{1}{3} \left( b + \frac{c+d}{2} + a \right)$
- $\overline{SV}_2 = \frac{1}{3} \left( -d + \frac{-b+c}{2} + a \right)$
- $\overline{SV}_3 = \frac{1}{3} \left( -c + \frac{-b+d}{2} + a \right)$

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$$\begin{aligned} SV_i &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{S \subseteq N \setminus \{z_i\}} \frac{CC_N(S \cup \{z_i\})}{\binom{n-1}{|S|}} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{j}} \sum_{\substack{S \subseteq N \setminus \{z_i\} \\ |S|=j}} CC_N(S \cup \{z_i\}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} SV_{i,j} \\ &= \text{AVG}(\text{AVG}(CC_N^{i,j})) \end{aligned}$$

- For each  $0 \leq j \leq n$ :
  - Repeat  $m_j$  times:
    - 采样大小为  $j$  的集合  $S \subseteq N$
    - For each  $z_i \in S$ : 更新  $\overline{SV_{i,j}}$
    - For each  $z_i \in N \setminus S$ : 更新  $\overline{SV_{i,n-j}}$
- For each  $z_i \in N$ :  $\overline{SV_i} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \overline{SV_{i,j}}$

采样总数为  $m$ ，如何合理分配各层次采样数  $m_j$  以获得最小估计方差？

# 最小化方差方法

$$SV_i = \text{AVG}(\text{AVG}(CC_N^{i,j}))$$

设  $\text{var}[CC_N^{i,j}] = \sigma_{i,j}^2$ , 则有 (用期望  $E[m_{i,j}]$  代替采样数  $m_{i,j}$ ) :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}[\overline{SV}_i] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=\lceil n/2 \rceil}^n \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\frac{\sigma_{i,j}^2}{j} + \frac{\sigma_{i,n-j}^2}{n-j})}{m_j}$$

令方差和最小化, 即求解

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使用拉格朗日乘数法解得：

$$m_j = \frac{m \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (\frac{\sigma_{i,j}^2}{j} + \frac{\sigma_{i,n-j}^2}{n-j})}}{\sum_{j=\lceil n/2 \rceil}^n \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (\frac{\sigma_{i,j}^2}{j} + \frac{\sigma_{i,n-j}^2}{n-j})}}.$$

最小方差采样数分配算法

- 第一阶段：先进行小范围采样，估计 $\sigma_{i,j}^2$
- 第二阶段：计算**最优的** $m_j$ 并进行后续采样

# 基于误差界的方法

**THEOREM (Empirical Bernstein-Serfling Inequality)** Given a set of players  $\mathcal{N} = \{z_1, \dots, z_n\}$ , the range  $r$  of the utility function, a sample without replacement of  $CC_N^{i,j}$  of size  $m_{i,j}$   $\{CC_N(\mathcal{S}_1), \dots, CC_N(\mathcal{S}_{m_{i,j}})\}$ , where  $\mathcal{S}_1, \dots, \mathcal{S}_{m_{i,j}} \in \mathfrak{S}^{i,j}$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq n; 1 < m_{i,j} \leq \binom{n-1}{j-1}$ ), with probability at least  $1 - \delta$  ( $\delta > 0$ ) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{m_{i,j}} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{i,j}} CC_N(\mathcal{S}_k) - \mathcal{SV}_{i,j} \right| = |\overline{\mathcal{SV}_{i,j}} - \mathcal{SV}_{i,j}| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{m_{i,j}} \left[ \sqrt{2(m_{i,j} - 1) \widehat{\sigma}_{i,j}^2 \rho_{m_{i,j}} \log(10/(1 + \delta))} + \kappa r \log(10/(1 + \delta)) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\kappa = \frac{14}{3} + 3\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\widehat{\sigma}_{i,j}^2 = \frac{1}{m_{i,j} - 1} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{i,j}} (CC_N(\mathcal{S}_k) - \mathcal{SV}_{i,j})^2$ , and

$$\rho_{m_{i,j}} = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{m_{i,j} - 1}{\binom{n-1}{j-1}} & \text{if } m_{i,j} \leq \binom{n-1}{j-1} / 2 \\ \left(1 - \frac{m_{i,j}}{\binom{n-1}{j-1}}\right) (1 + 1/m_{i,j}) & \text{if } m_{i,j} > \binom{n-1}{j-1} / 2 \end{cases}.$$

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采样集合 $S$ 时，会更新 $\{\overline{SV}_{i,|S|} | z_i \in S\} \cup \{\overline{SV}_{i,|N \setminus S|} | z_i \in N \setminus S\}$

直观上，最好选择误差最大的估计值来更新，即采样：

$$\arg \max_{CC_N(S)} \left\{ \sum_{z_i \in S} \epsilon_{i,|S|} + \sum_{z_i \in N \setminus S} \epsilon_{i,|N \setminus S|} \right\}.$$

令 $\Delta_{i,n-j} = \epsilon_{i,n-j} - \epsilon_{i,j}$ ，则有：

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \max_{CC_N(S)} \left\{ \sum_{z_i \in S} \epsilon_{i,|S|} + \sum_{z_i \in N \setminus S} (\epsilon_{i,|S|} + \Delta_{i,|N \setminus S|}) \right\} \\ &= \arg \max_{CC_N(S)} \left\{ \sum_{z_i \in N} \epsilon_{i,|S|} + \sum_{z_i \in N \setminus S} \Delta_{i,|N \setminus S|} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

则问题转变为计算：

$$\arg \max_{CC_N(S)} \sum_{z_i \in N \setminus S} \Delta_{i,n-j}, \text{ where } |S| = j. \longrightarrow \text{可以贪心求解}$$



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- $N = \{z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, z_5\}$
- Current bound matrix about  $\epsilon_{i,j}$ :

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 & 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 4 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ -3 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \\ 1 & -4 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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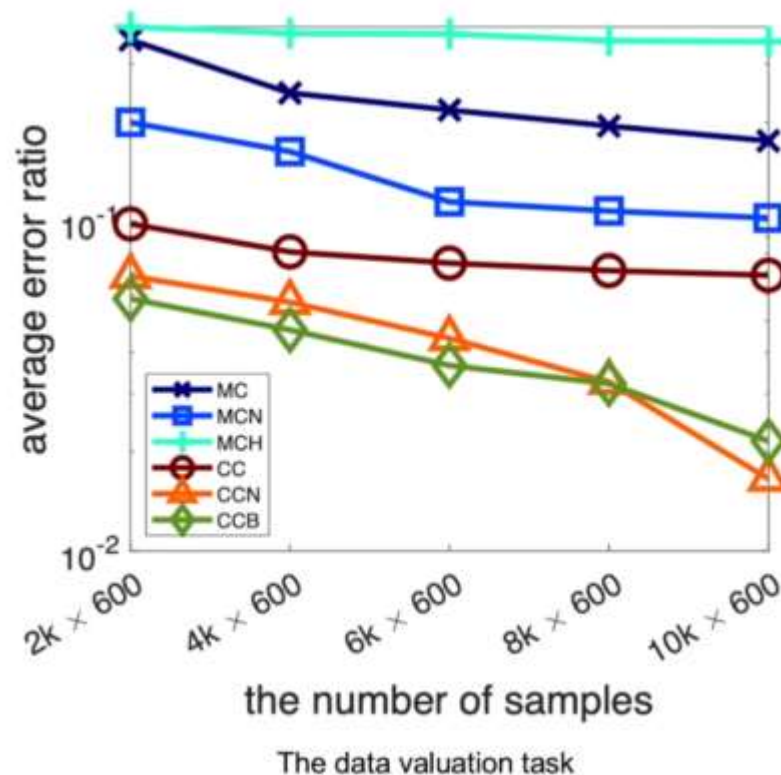
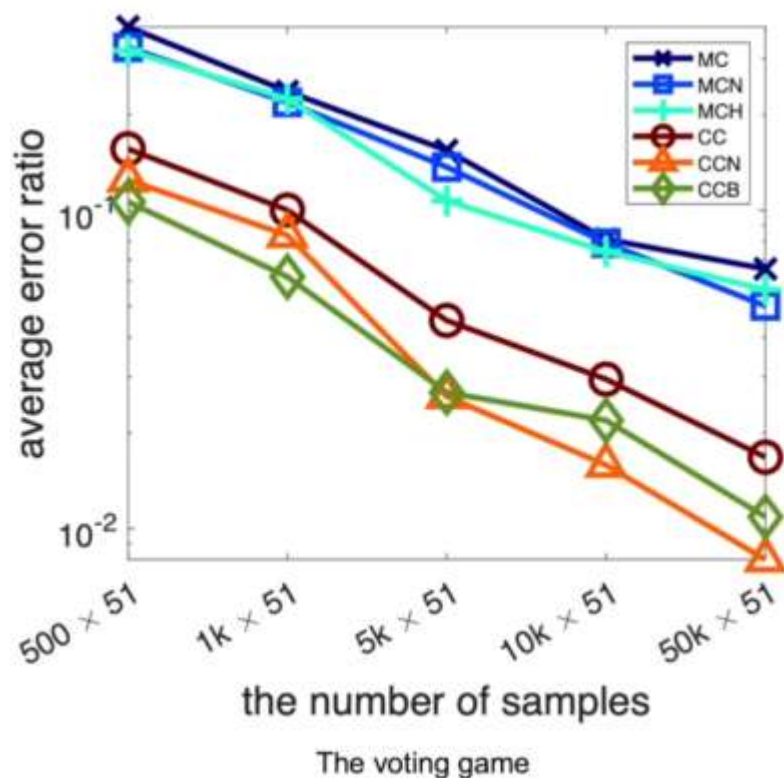
①  $k=3$ , top 2  $\Delta_{i,2}$  is -1. Select  $S = \{z_1, z_3\}$  and  $\epsilon_{\{\{z_1, z_3\}, \{z_2, z_4, z_5\}\}} = 18$ .

②  $k=4$ , top 1  $\Delta_{i,1}$  is 4. Select  $S = \{z_5\}$  and  $\epsilon_{\{\{z_5\}, \{z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4\}\}} = 21$

③  $k=5$ ,  $\epsilon_{\{\{z_1, z_4, z_2, z_3, z_4, z_5\}, \emptyset\}} = 16$

④ Return  $CC_N(\{z_5\})$

# 实验结果：采样数-误差率曲线



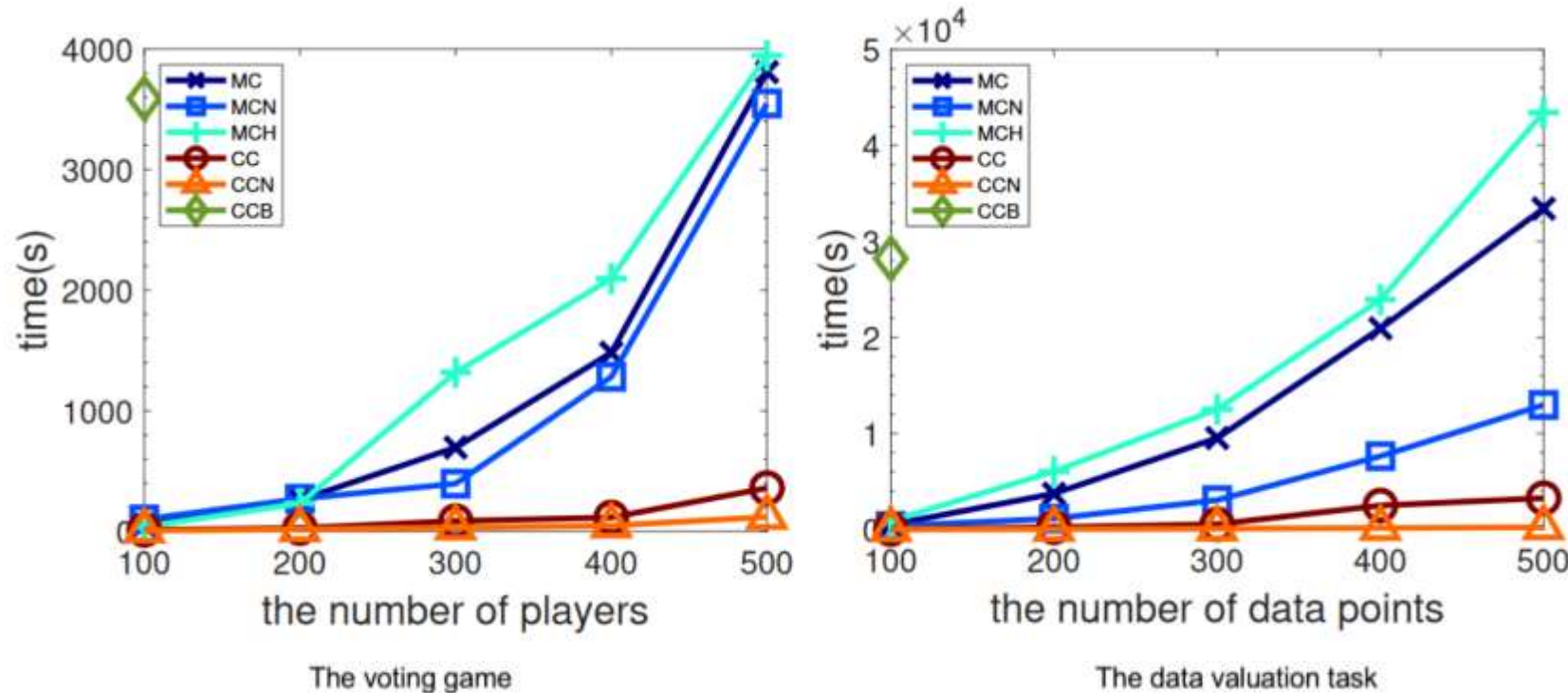
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