

LiCE

Generating Likely Counterfactuals using Sum-Product Networks

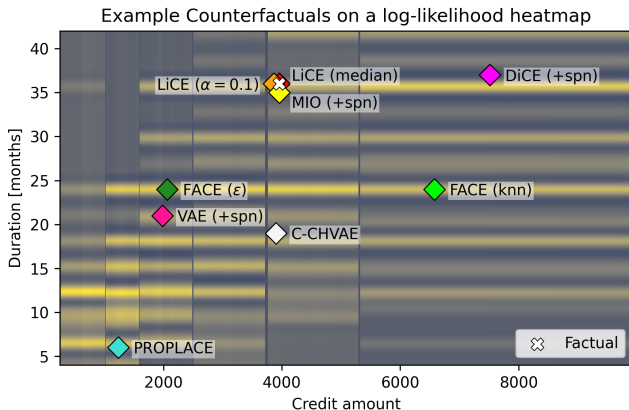
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- Minimal change of input to achieve desired output.
- Example: “You would get the loan if your income was \$100,000 instead of \$75,000.”
- Many desiderata for CEs [1].
 - **Plausibility:** The counterfactual should have a *high likelihood* w.r.t. the data distribution.
- A trade-off between plausibility and similarity [2].

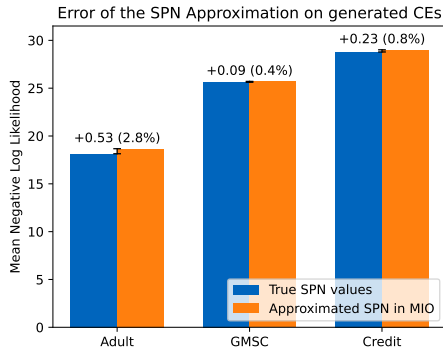
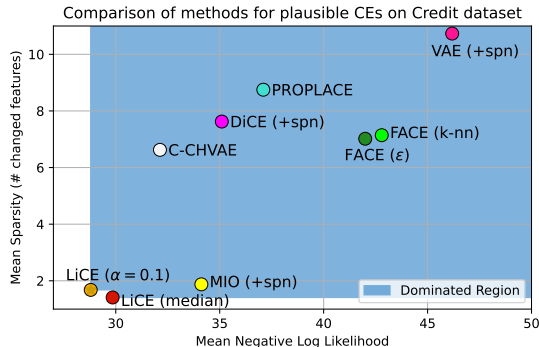
- Successfully optimize of plausibility and similarity at once.
 - Under further constraints (e.g., actionability, discrete data).



- Utilizing trained **Sum-Product Networks**:
 - DAG, computing sample likelihood.
 - Leaves are (univariate) **distributions**.
 - Inner nodes are
 - weighted **sums** (mixtures)
 - or **products** of children.
 - They model both discrete and real-valued random variables.
- We formulate them in **Mixed-Integer Linear Optimization**.
- And solve with a constraint on counterfactual's likelihood.
 - Or optimize a linear combination of similarity and plausibility.

Conclusion

- LiCE **outperforms** other methods for plausible CEs on **likelihood and similarity**.
- We tightly approximate SPNs within MIO, opening up various future directions.



Thank you

- Please contact me with any questions at:

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- LiCE implementation is available at:

`github.com/Epanemu/LiCE`



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