## Interpretability Benchmark for Evaluating Spatial Misalignment of Prototypical Parts Explanations

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• Prototypical part-based networks perform interpretable image classification by comparing regions of images to prototypical parts.

- examine spatial misalignment between the explanations • We provided by prototypical part-based networks and their actual inference mechanism.
- We measure spatial misalignment for popular types of prototypical part-based network and introduce a method for enforcing learning truthful explanations.



original similarity map



original image

The receptive field of the prototypical part activation region can depend on parts of the image outside this region. This leads to misleading explanation given by the prototypical part similarity map.





similarity map after the modification

## **Preliminary:** Prototypical Part-Based Networks <sup>[1]</sup>





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## Training with spatial misalignment compensation

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