Anomaly Detection for OOD and Novel Category Detection

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Motivating Example: Automated Counting of Freshwater Macroinvertebrates

- Goal: Assess the health of freshwater streams
- Method:
 - Collect specimens via kicknet
 - Photograph in the lab
 - Classify to genus and species
- BugID Project
 - 54 classes of interest to the EPA
 - accuracy $\approx 90\%$
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Problem: There are $\approx 76,000$ species of freshwater insects worldwide

- 1,200 species in US
- Field samples may contain other things
 - leaves
 - trash
- Simple estimate of equal error rate for novel classes vs. the 54 classes was 20% (in 2011)
 - classifier is not usable without addressing the novel class problem
- Open Category Problem



Open Set/OOD Classification Problem

- Arises in any application of classification in an open world
 - Novel obstacles in self-driving cars
 - Novel diseases in medical imaging
 - Novel products in online marketplaces
 - Novel cyber attacks
- Claim: Every deployed ML classifier should include a competence model that can detect when new queries are far from the training data



Two Problem Formulations: OOD and Open Category

Out-of-Distribution Problem

- Training:
 - Data: $(x_1, y_1), ..., (x_N, y_N)$ drawn from D_0
 - $y_i \in \{1, \dots, K\}$
- Testing:
 - Data: Mixture D_m of data from D_0 and D_a
 - $(x, y) \sim D_a$ belong to a different data set
- Goal:
 - Given a query x_q , does it belong to D_a or D_0 ?
 - If from D_a , REJECT as alien
 - Else classify using a classifier trained on $D_0 \ {\rm data}$

Novel Category / Open Set Problem

- Training:
 - Data: $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_N, y_N)$ drawn from D_0
 - $y_i \in \{1, \dots, K\}$
- Testing:
 - Data: Mixture D_m of data from D_0 and D_a
 - (x, y) ~ D_a belong to new classes not seen during training ("alien categories")
- Goal:
 - Given a query x_q , does it belong to D_a or D_0 ?
 - If from D_a , REJECT as alien
 - Else classify using a classifier trained on D_0 data

OOD and Novel Category Metrics

- AUROC: Area under the ROC curve for the binary decision
 - OOD: Domain A vs Domain B
 - Novel Category: Known vs Unknown
 - We treat the anomalies as the positive class
- Detection rate at fixed false alarm rate. Maximize TPR@10%FPR
 - Maximize correct OOD/Novel Category detections subject to a constraint that the false positive rate is \leq 0.10.
- False alarm rate at fixed missed alarm rate: Minimize FPR@95%TPR
 - Detect 95% of OOD/Novel Category examples while minimizing false positives
 - Most relevant to AI Safety and Trustworthy Systems

Outline

- Theoretical Approaches to Anomaly Detection
- Deep Anomaly Detection in Computer Vision
- Anomaly Detection based on Supervised Classifier Logit Scores

Theoretical Approaches to Anomaly Detection

Distance-Based Methods

- Anomaly score $A(x_q) = \min_{x \in D} ||x_q - x||$
- Density Estimation Methods
 - Surprise: $A(x_q) = -\log P_D(x_q)$
 - Model the joint distribution $P_D(x)$ of the input data points $x_1, ... \in D$

Quantile Methods

- Find a smooth function f such that $\{x: f(x) \ge 0\}$ contains 1α of the training data
- Anomaly score A(x) = -f(x)

Reconstruction Methods

- Train an auto-encoder: $x \approx D(E(x))$, where E is the encoder and D is the decoder
- Anomaly score

$$A(x_q) = \left\| x_q - D\left(E(x_q) \right) \right\|$$

Approach 1: Distance-Based Methods

- Define a distance $d(x_i, x_j)$
- $A(x_q) = \min_{x \in D} d(x_q, x)$
- Requires a good distance metric



Isolation Forest [Liu, Ting, Zhou, 2011]

- Approximates L1 Distance
 - (Guha, et al., ICML 2016)
- Construct a fully random binary tree
 - choose attribute *j* at random
 - choose splitting threshold θ uniformly from $[\min(x_{.j}), \max(x_{.j})]$
 - until every data point is in its own leaf
 - let $d(x_i)$ be the depth of point x_i
- repeat L times
 - let $\overline{d}(x_i)$ be the average depth of x_i
 - $A(x_i) = 2^{-\left(\frac{\overline{d}(x_i)}{r(x_i)}\right)}$
 - $r(x_i)$ is the expected depth



Approach 2: Density Estimation

- Given a data set $\{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$ where $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- We assume the data have been drawn iid from an unknown probability density: x_i ~ P(x_i)
- Goal: Estimate P
- Anomaly Score: $A(x_q) = -\log P(x_q)$
 - "surprisal" from information theory
- Why density estimation?
 - Gives a more global view by combining distances to all data points





Approach 3: Quantile Methods

- Vapnik's principle: We only need to estimate the "decision boundary" between nominal and anomalous
- Surround the data by a function f that captures $1-\epsilon$ of the training data
 - One-Class Support Vector Machine (OCSVM)
 - *f* is a hyperplane in "kernel space"
 - Support Vector Data Description (SVDD)
 - *f* is a sphere is "kernel space"
- Issue
 - Need to choose ϵ at learning time rather than run time



Approach 4: Reconstruction Methods

Autoencoders

- Encoder: z = E(x)
- Decoder: $\hat{x} = D(z)$



Linear Autoencoder == Principal Component Analysis

- PCA:
 - Let the input dimension be \boldsymbol{d}
 - Choose a latent dimension ℓ
 - Find the $d \times \ell$ matrix W that minimizes the squared reconstruction error
 - $\min_{W} \sum_{i} ||x_i WW^{\mathsf{T}}x_i||^2$
 - This can be done using the Singular Value Decomposition
 - It can also be viewed as fitting a multi-variate Gaussian to the data and then keeping only the ℓ dimensions of highest variance







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Application: Finding Unusual Chemical Spectra

- NASA Mars Science Laboratory ChemCam instrument
 - Collects 6144 spectral bands on rock samples from 7m distance using laser stimulation
 - Goal: active learning to find interesting spectra
 - DEMUD
 - Incremental PCA applied to samples one at a time
 - Fit only to the samples labeled as "uninteresting" by the user
 - Show the user the most un-uninteresting sample (sample with highest PCA reconstruction error)
 - Rapidly discovers interesting samples
 - Wagstaff, et al. (2013)



(a) Effort required to discover magnesite.

Benchmarking Study

[Andrew Emmott, 2015, 2020]

- Distance-Based Methods
 - k-NN: Mean distance to k-nearest neighbors
 - LOF: Local Outlier Factor (Breunig, et al., 2000)
 - ABOD: kNN Angle-Based Outlier Detector (Kriegel, et al., 2008)
 - IFOR: Isolation Forest (Liu, et al., 2008)
- Density-Based Approaches
 - RKDE: Robust Kernel Density Estimation (Kim & Scott, 2008)
 - EGMM: Ensemble Gaussian Mixture Model (our group)
 - LODA: Lightweight Online Detector of Anomalies (Pevny, 2016)
- Quantile-Based Methods
 - OCSVM: One-class SVM (Schoelkopf, et al., 1999)
 - SVDD: Support Vector Data Description (Tax & Duin, 2004)

Benchmarking Methodology

- Select 19 data sets from UC Irvine repository
- Choose one or more classes to be "anomalies"; the rest are "nominals"
- Manipulate
 - Relative frequency
 - Point difficulty
 - Irrelevant features
 - Clusteredness
- 20 replicates of each configuration
- Result: 11,888 Non-trivial Benchmark Datasets

Analysis of Variance

• Linear ANOVA

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$$\log \frac{AUC}{1-AU} \sim rf + pd + cl + ir + pset + algo$$

- rf: relative frequency
- pd: point difficulty
- cl: normalized clusteredness
- ir: irrelevant features
- mset: "Parent" set
- algo: anomaly detection algorithm
- Assess the *algo* effect while controlling for all other factors
- *AUC*: area under the ROC curve for the nominal vs. anomaly binary decision

Benchmarking Study Results

- 19 UCI Datasets
- 9 Leading "feature-based" algorithms
- 11,888 non-trivial benchmark datasets
- Mean AUC effect for "nominal" vs. "anomaly" decisions
 - Controlling for
 - Parent data set
 - Difficulty of individual queries
 - Fraction of anomalies
 - Irrelevant features
 - Clusteredness of anomalies
- Baseline method: Distance to nominal mean ("tmd")
- Best methods: K-nearest neighbors and Isolation Forest
- Worst methods: Kernel-based OCSVM and SVDD



Mean AUC Effect

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Deep Anomaly Detection in Image Classification

- Input image *x*
- Network backbone, also called the "encoder": z = E(x)
- Latent representation z
- Logits $\ell_k = w_k^{\mathsf{T}} z$
- Predicted probabilities

$$\hat{p}(y = k | x) = \frac{\exp \ell_k(z)}{\sum_{k'} \exp \ell_{k'}(z)}$$



Approach 1: Distance-Based Methods

 Using k nearest neighbors in the z space does not work well in our experience

Approach 2: Density Estimation Methods

- Deep Density Estimation: Seeks to model P(x) in the image space
 - These have not worked well
 - Le Lan & Dinh (2021) show that the representation is critical for density estimation. The image space lacks an appropriate "neighborhood structure"
- Methods that fit a classifier and then estimate a density P(z)
 - Open Hybrid (Zhang, Li, Guo, Guo, 2020)
 - Mahalanobis (Lee, Lee, Lee, Shin, 2018)

Open Hybrid: Classification + Density Estimation (Zhang, Li, Guo, Guo, 2020)



- Residual Flow Deep Density Estimator
 - (Chen, Behrmann, Duvenaud, et al. NeurIPS 2019)
- Standard Cross-Entropy Supervised Loss
 - Claim: This helps focus P(x) on relevant aspects of the images
- Anomaly Score: $A(x_q) = -\log P(x_q)$

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Open Hybrid Results

 6 Known and 4 Unknown classes

AUC	MNIST	SVHN	CIFAR-10
$1 - \max_k \hat{p}(y = k x_q)$	0.978	0.886	0.677
OpenHybrid: $-\log P(x_q)$	0.995	0.947	0.883

 4 Known and many unknown classes drawn from CIFAR-100

AUC	CIFAR+10	CIFAR+50
$1 - \max_k \hat{p}(y = k x_q)$	0.816	0.805
OpenHybrid: $-\log P(x_q)$	0.962	0.955

Approach 3: Density Quantile Methods: Deep SVDD (Ruff, et al. ICML 2018)



- The method is somewhat tricky to work with
 - Set c as the mean of a small set of points passed through the untrained network
 - No bias weights
 - These help prevent "hypersphere collapse"

Approach 4: Reconstruction Methods

- NavLab self-driving van (Pomerleau, 1992)
 - Primary head: Predict steering angle from input image
 - Secondary head: Predict the input image ("autoencoder")
 - $A(x_q) = \|x_q \hat{x}_q\|$
 - If reconstruction is poor, this suggests that the steering angle should not be trusted
- Principle: Anomaly Detection through Failure
 - Define a task on which the learned system should fail for anomalies



Pomerleau, NIPS 1992

Deep Autoencoders

- These have generally not worked well for anomaly detection
- It is difficult to keep the autoencoder from learning to be a general image compression algorithm
 - It doesn't fail on novel images!

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A Surprising Finding: Deep Classifiers Achieve Excellent Anomaly Detection

- Vaze, Han, Vedaldi, Zisserman (2020): "Open Set Recognition: A Good Classifier is All You Need"
 - arXiv 2110.06207
- Carefully train a classifier using the latest tricks
 - Standard cross-entropy combined with the following:
 - Cosine learning rate schedule
 - Learning rate warmup
 - RandAugment augmentations
 - Label Smoothing
- Anomaly score: max logit
 - $-\max_k \ell_k$



Protocol from Neal et al. (2018)

Vaze, et al.: Three Large Open Set Benchmarks

- Novel class difficulty based on semantic distance
 - CUB: Bird species
 - Air: Aircraft
 - ImageNet



Why?

How are open set images represented by deep learning?

- DenseNet with 384-dimensional latent space.
- CIFAR-10: 6 known classes, 4 novel classes
- UMAP visualization
- Light green: novel classes
- Darker greens: known classes
- Note that many novel classes stay toward the center of the space; others overlap with known classes
- Training was not required to "pull them out" so that they could be discriminated



Similar Results from Other Groups



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The Familiarity Hypothesis

The network doesn't detect novelty, it detects the absence of familiarity

- Convolutional neural network learns "features" that detect image patches relevant to the classification task
- The logit layer weights these features to make the classification decision
- Novel classes activate fewer of these features, so their activation vectors are smaller
- Hypothesis: The networks don't detect that an elephant is novel because of trunk and tusks but because its head doesn't activate known features



Initial Evidence

• Maximum logit is better than max softmax probability or the norm of z



Vaze, et al. 2021

Initial Evidence (2)

- CIFAR 10: 6 known classes; 4 novel classes
- DenseNet (z has 324 dimensions)
- Activation threshold θ
- Count number of features whose activation exceeds $\boldsymbol{\theta}$
- OOD images activate fewer features



Alex Guyer (unpublished)

Max Sum of Positive Contributions

• Let w_k be the vector of weights for the logit of class k

 $\ell_k = w_k \cdot z$

 Define the *contribution* of feature *j* to the logit for class *k*

 $c_{jk} = w_{jk} z_j$

- Sort in ascending order
- Sum of positive contributions

$$s_k = \sum_j \max(0, c_{jk})$$

• Claim: $\max_k s_k$ will be an even better anomaly detector than max logit

CONTINUETIONS Contributions: Features that predict class k Mean and variance of unit contributions: Negative contributions: Features that predict other classes

Positive

Sun & Li (2021) Did almost this experiment

- DICE anomaly score: sum of the top 10% of the contributions
 - MSP: $\max_k \hat{P}(y = k | x)$
 - Energy: $\log \sum_k \exp \ell_k$
 - ODIN and G-ODIN modify the Softmax
- Sun & Li (2021) "On the Effectiveness of Sparsification for Detecting the Deep Unknowns" arXiv 2111.09805



Can we expect computer vision systems to perceive things they have not been trained on?

- Colin Blakemore and Grahame F. Cooper. "Development of the brain depends on the visual environment." *Nature* (1970): 477-478.
 - Kittens raised in environments with only horizontal or only vertical lines
 - "They were virtually blind for contours perpendicular to the orientation they had experienced."



Source: Li Yang Ku https://computervisionblog.wordpress.com/2013/06/01/cats-and-vision-is-vision-acquired-or-innate/

Possible Paths Forward

- Train on as many object categories as possible
 - Training on snakes might allow detection of trunks
- Systematically synthesize "natural parts"
 - Could we synthesize tusks, trunks if we had never seen them before?
 - Train on these to develop feature detectors for them
- Could a system detect "interesting image content" that was not activating learned features?

Summary

Classic Anomaly Detection Methods

- Distance
- Density estimation
- Density quantile estimation
- Reconstruction

Computer Vision Methods

- Well-trained Classifier works as well as deep anomaly detection methods
- Familiarity Hypothesis explains this and suggests improvements

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