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Data-driven identification and classification of rail surface defects

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Problem description and motivation

Railway companies need to continuously and sufficiently maintain the train tracks and optimally detect defects in order to have a more punctual and more effective train system. However, the current system is expensive, time consuming and ineffective. That is, maintenance agents need to walk along tracks and check them for defects. For visualisation purposes, there is roughly 5200 km of rails in Switzerland which needs to be inspected by 40 experienced inspectors.

In order to cope with this issue, Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) has specifically built two new diagnostic vehicles designed for defect identification among other purposes. For this, two accelerometers have been installed at the front and back of the vehicle to collect the signal responses from the wheel and the train track

A defect in train tracks can be seen as a discontinuity. As a train passes over this discontinuity, it will result in a perturbation that can be detected by sensors. It is our main assumption that each type of defect will have a specific signature that will allow its identification and classification. This is similar to the idea presented in

By successfully identifying and classifying the defects, we take one step further towards reducing delays and making trains more punctual and reliable. The first step in this process consists of identification and classification, while the second step consists of future defect prediction.

1.2 Objective

The objective

1.3 Defects

Evidently, a defect can be seen as a deviation from the standard train track. For the exact defect type, SBB has self-constructed a database for the individual defect definitions . Here is a few examples:

Generally, a defect can be split into two overarching types: line-defects and type-defects. For this project SBB has done the classification themselves Defect can be of any type, which defects do we want to focus on

insert picture, mention boogey?

<https://blog.to-1d-convolutional-neural-networks-in-keras-for-time-sequences-3a7ff801a2cf>

is this a recognized system

insert picture

1.4 Data

Data is provided by SBB

1.5 Code

The code can be found on github: [sdds](#)

Chapter 2

Design and Implementation

First we need to analyse the data, show a few defects and their signals

appendix for
more signals

2.1 Peak windows

To find, we can change the parameters for the peak findings

2.2 Neural network architecture

Trained a neural network, although we were only able to achieve max Based on the analysis we

2.3 Visualisation

Chapter 3

Evaluation

3.1 Results

3.2 Discussion

Chapter 4

Conclusion and future work

4.1 Conclusion

4.2 Future work

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4.3 TODO

- very fast speed, overlap between switch and ins, old vs new rail, ax1 arrow 2 arrow 3 arrow 4
- 3D plots?
- change the defect library to use pandas instead?
- visualise what the network is doing using Harry's code
- use speed as a feature also

4.4 Notes

1D convolution tutorial Height = acc length Width = the number of features Output is determined by kernel size and height of data

Misc:

- `pd.options.display.max_rows = 15`
- `#np.bincount(y.class_label.values)/4` where does 151.5 come from??

whats this

```
def conv(df):
    """
    has to be series
    """
    return np.vstack([v for v in df])

dup_ins = s_features.ins_joints.copy()[['accelerations']]
dup_swi = s_features.switches.copy()[['accelerations']]
dup_def = s_features.defects.copy()[['accelerations']]

dup_ins[['accelerations']] = np.sum(conv(dup_ins.accelerations),1)
dup_swi[['accelerations']] = np.sum(conv(dup_swi.accelerations),1)
dup_def[['accelerations']] = np.sum(conv(dup_def.accelerations),1)

# s_features.ins_joints[['vehicle_speed(m/s)', 'Axle', 'campagin_ID']].duplicated()

idx_ins = dup_ins.accelerations.duplicated()
idx_swi = dup_swi.accelerations.duplicated()
idx_def = dup_def.accelerations.duplicated()
new_ins = s_features.ins_joints[~idx_ins]
new_swi = s_features.switches[~idx_swi]
new_def = s_features.defects[~idx_def]

print("Duplicated samples: ", len(dup_ins) - len(new_ins))
print("Duplicated samples: ", len(dup_swi) - len(new_swi))
print("Duplicated samples: ", len(dup_def) - len(new_def))

# Load weight example
# Could just save entire model and then load entire model
# Could also make this into a function
clf2 = NN(N_FEATURES, N_CLASSES)
clf2.prepare_data(X, y)
clf2.make_model2()
clf2.load_weights('model_01-12-2019_150004.hdf5')
clf2.predict() ### on validation set
clf2.measure_performance(accuracy_score)
```

Test sample

```
ii = pd.DataFrame([
    [np.array([1,2]),2],
    [np.array([1,2]),2],
    [np.array([1,2]),2]])

x = a
[u,I,J] = unique(x, 'rows', 'first')
hasDuplicates = size(u,1) < size(x,1)
ixDupRows = setdiff(1:size(x,1), I)
dupRowValues = x(ixDupRows,:)

s_features.ins_joints.timestamps[:2].duplicated()
```

Chapter 5

Appendix

Figure out r
erences

New paper
with train

Appendix A

Appendix

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import pandas as pd
3 from scipy.signal import find_peaks
4 from tqdm import tqdm
5
6 class featureset():
7     def __init__(self, obj, peak_offset=1, window_offset=0.5):
8         self.peak_offset = peak_offset
9         self.window_offset = window_offset
10        self.defects = makeDefectDF(obj,
11                                   peak_offset=peak_offset,
12                                   window_offset=window_offset)
13        self.switches = makeGenericDF(obj, "switches",
14                                       peak_offset=peak_offset,
15                                       window_offset=window_offset)
16        self.ins_joints = makeGenericDF(obj, "insulationjoint",
17                                        peak_offset=peak_offset,
18                                        window_offset=window_offset)
19
20    def makeSwitches(self, obj):
21        self.switches11 = makeSwitchesDF(obj, "AXLE_11")
22        self.switches12 = makeSwitchesDF(obj, "AXLE_12")
23        self.switches41 = makeSwitchesDF(obj, "AXLE_41")
24        self.switches42 = makeSwitchesDF(obj, "AXLE_42")
25
26    def makeInsJoints(self, obj):
27        self.ins_joints11 = makeInsulationJointsDF(obj, "AXLE_11")
28        self.ins_joints12 = makeInsulationJointsDF(obj, "AXLE_12")
29        self.ins_joints41 = makeInsulationJointsDF(obj, "AXLE_41")
30        self.ins_joints42 = makeInsulationJointsDF(obj, "AXLE_42")
31
32    def makeDefects(self, obj):
33        self.defect11 = makeDefectDF(obj, "AXLE_11")
34        self.defect12 = makeDefectDF(obj, "AXLE_12")
35        self.defect41 = makeDefectDF(obj, "AXLE_41")
36        self.defect42 = makeDefectDF(obj, "AXLE_42")
37        self.defects = pd.concat([self.defect11,
38                                  self.defect12,
39                                  self.defect41,
40                                  self.defect42])
41
42    return self.defects
43
44 def find_index(timestamps, start, end):
45     """
46     Given starting and ending time timestamps it returns the indexes
47     of the closest timestamps in the first arg
48     params:
49         timestamps: timestamps array to search within
50         start, end: timestamps to be within start and end
51     """
52     # Finds all indexes which satisfy the condition
53     # nonzero gets rid of the non-matching conditions
54     indexes = np.nonzero((timestamps >= start) & ( timestamps < end))[0]
```

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55     return indexes
56
57 def find_vehicle_speed(time, obj):
58     """
59     Gets the vehicle speed closest to the specified time.
60     params:
61         time: time at which to get the vehicle speed
62         speed_df: needs to be obj.MEAS_DYN.VEHICLE_MOVEMENT_1HZ
63     """
64     speed_df = obj.MEAS_DYN.VEHICLE_MOVEMENT_1HZ
65     speed_times = speed_df['DFZ01.POS.VEHICLE_MOVEMENT_1HZ.timestamp'].values
66     speed_values = speed_df['DFZ01.POS.VEHICLE_MOVEMENT_1HZ.SPEED.data'].values
67
68     # Minus 1 since using > and we want value before
69     bef = np.nonzero(speed_times > time)[0][0] - 1
70     aft = bef + 1
71
72     # Finds the closest timestamp
73     idx = np.argmin([abs(speed_times[bef] - time), abs(speed_times[aft] - time)])
74     closest = bef + idx # plus 0 for bef, plus 1 for after
75
76     speed = speed_values[closest]
77
78     return speed
79
80 def get_peak_window(von, bis, find_peak_offset, window_offset, acc_time, a):
81     """
82     First finds the highest peak within a peak finding window.
83     Then this highest peak is centered by defining a window offset.
84     Then we get the start and end index of this window
85     These indexes are then used to index the timestamps and acceleration for the axle
86     params:
87         von, bis: the start and end of a defect
88         find_peak_offset, window_offset:
89             the offset of which to search for peak, and the size of the actual
90             defect window
91         acc_time, a:
92             all the accelerationn times and corresponding acceleratoins
93     OBS:
94         use of np.argmax() since find_peaks() does not work consistently if height is uniform.
95     alternative:
96         to find_indexes
97         acc_window = a_df[(aaa[time_label] >= von - find_peak_offset) &
98                          (aaa[time_label] < bis + find_peak_offset)]
99         but current method is faster
100     """
101
102     # Accounting for shift between von and bis
103     if von > bis:
104         tmp = von
105         von = bis
106         bis = tmp
107
108     # Find all indexes contained within the peak searching window
109     indexes = find_index(acc_time,
110                          von - find_peak_offset,
111                          bis + find_peak_offset)
112
113     # Get highest peak
114     peak_idx = np.argmax(a[indexes]) + indexes[0]
115
116     # Center the peak
117     start = int(peak_idx - window_offset)
118     end = int(peak_idx + window_offset)
119     if (start < 0) or (end > len(acc_time)):
120         raise Warning("Out of bounds for peak centering")
121
122     timestamps = acc_time[start:end]
123     accelerations = a[start:end]
124     return timestamps, accelerations
125
126 def get_severity(severity):
127     """

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128     """
129     if 'sehr' in severity:
130         return 1
131     elif 'hoch' in severity:
132         return 2
133     elif 'mittel' in severity:
134         return 3
135     elif 'gering' in severity:
136         return 4
137     else:
138         return -1 # undefined
139
140 def get_direction(obj):
141     """
142     Gets the driving direction of the vehicle for a measurement ride
143     """
144     direction_label = 'DFZ01.POS.FINAL_POSITION.POSITION.data.direction'
145     direction = np.unique(obj.MEAS_DYN.POS_FINAL_POSITION[[direction_label]])
146
147     if len(direction) == 1:
148         direction = direction[0]
149     else:
150         raise Warning("Driving direction not unique")
151     return direction
152
153 def get_switch_component(obj):
154     """
155     Adds the vehicle direction and returns the switch DataFrame
156     """
157     component=obj.MEAS_POS.POS_TRACK[obj.MEAS_POS.POS_TRACK['TRACK.data.switchtype']==1]
158     df_postrack = component.copy()
159     df_postrack['TRACK.data.direction_vehicleref'] = df_postrack['TRACK.data.direction']
160     cond_left = (df_postrack['TRACK.data.direction']=='left') & (df_postrack['DFZ01.POS.FINAL_POSITION.POSITION.data.kilom
161     cond_right = (df_postrack['TRACK.data.direction']=='right') & (df_postrack['DFZ01.POS.FINAL_POSITION.POSITION.data.kilom
162     df_postrack.loc[cond_left, 'TRACK.data.direction_vehicleref'] = 'right'
163     df_postrack.loc[cond_right, 'TRACK.data.direction_vehicleref'] = 'left'
164     return df_postrack
165
166 def makeDefectDF(obj, axle='all', peak_offset=1, window_offset=0.5):
167     """
168     Makes the defect dataframe containing all relevant features.
169     params:
170         axle: axle for which to find defect
171         peak_height: this height determines the peak classification
172     """
173     if axle == 'all':
174         axle = ['AXLE_11', 'AXLE_12', 'AXLE_41', 'AXLE_42']
175     else:
176         axle = [axle]
177
178     defect_type_names = np.unique(obj.ZMON['ZMON.Abweichung.Objekt_Attribut'])
179
180     d_df = pd.DataFrame()
181     nanosec = 10**9
182     window_offset = window_offset * 24000 # = 0.5 * 1
183
184     driving_direction = get_direction(obj)
185
186     for ax in axle:
187         dict_def_n = dict.fromkeys(defect_type_names, 0)
188         defectToClass = {defect_type_names[i] : (i + 2)
189                         for i in range(len(defect_type_names))}
190
191         time_label = 'DFZ01.DYN.ACCEL_AXLE_T.timestamp'
192         acc_label = 'DFZ01.DYN.ACCEL_AXLE_T.Z_' + ax + '_T.data'
193         acc_time = obj.MEAS_DYN.DFZ01_DYN_ACCEL_AXLE_T[time_label].values
194         acc = obj.MEAS_DYN.DFZ01_DYN_ACCEL_AXLE_T[acc_label].values
195
196         columns = ["timestamps", "accelerations", "window_length(s)",
197                   "severity", "vehicle_speed(m/s)", "axle",
198                   "campagin_ID", "driving_direction",
199                   "defect_type", "defect_length(m)", "line, defect_ID",
200                   "class_label"]

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201
202     for i, row in tqdm((obj.ZMON).iterrows(), total = len(obj.ZMON), desc="ZMON " + ax):
203         von = row['ZMON.gDFZ.timestamp_von.'] + ax[:6]]
204         bis = row['ZMON.gDFZ.timestamp_bis.'] + ax[:6]]
205
206         # For detecting point or range defect
207         interval = abs(int(von) - int(bis))/nanosec
208         if interval == 0:
209             # Point defects
210             find_peak_offset = peak_offset * nanosec
211             vehicle_speed = find_vehicle_speed(von, obj)
212         else:
213             ### Just using von and bis
214             find_peak_offset = 0
215             # Vehicle speed is found at the middle of the interval
216             midpoint = int(( von + bis)/2 )
217             vehicle_speed = find_vehicle_speed(midpoint, obj)
218
219         timestamps, acceleration = get_peak_window(von, bis,
220                                                    find_peak_offset, window_offset,
221                                                    acc_time, acc)
222
223         # Each defect type number count
224         d_type = row['ZMON.Abweichung.Objekt_Attribut']
225         n = dict_def_n[d_type]
226         dict_def_n[d_type] = n + 1
227
228         window_length = (timestamps[-1] - timestamps[0]) / nanosec
229         severity = get_severity(row['ZMON.Abweichung.Dringlichkeit'])
230         #print(d_type, row['ZMON.Abweichung.Dringlichkeit'])
231         identifier = (row['ZMON.Abweichung.Linie_Nr'], row['ZMON.Abweichung.ID'])
232         defect_length = interval * vehicle_speed
233
234         temp_df = pd.DataFrame([timestamps, acceleration, window_length,
235                                severity, vehicle_speed, ax,
236                                obj.campaign, driving_direction,
237                                d_type, defect_length, identifier,
238                                defectToClass[d_type]],
239                                index = [d_type + "_" + str(n) + "_" + ax],
240                                columns = columns)
241
242         d_df = pd.concat([d_df, temp_df], axis=0)
243
244     return d_df
245
246 def makeGenericDF(obj, type, axle='all', peak_offset=1, window_offset=0.5):
247     if axle == 'all':
248         axle = ['AXLE_11', 'AXLE_12', 'AXLE_41', 'AXLE_42']
249     else:
250         axle = [axle]
251
252     # Offsets
253     nanosec = 10**9
254     sampling_freq = 24000
255     window_offset = window_offset * 24000
256     peak_offset = peak_offset * nanosec
257
258     # datarame
259     df = pd.DataFrame()
260     driving_direction = get_direction(obj)
261
262     for ax in axle:
263         columns = ["timestamps", "accelerations", "window_length(s)",
264                   "severity", "vehicle_speed(m/s)", "axle",
265                   "campagin_ID", "driving_direction"]
266
267         ### DEFECT ###
268         if type == 'defect':
269             raise Warning("Not yet implemented for defects")
270
271         ### INSULATION JOINT ###
272         elif type == 'insulationjoint':

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273     COMPONENT = obj.DfA.DfA_InsulationJoints
274     time_label = "DfA.gDFZ.timestamp." + ax[:-1]
275     columns.extend(["ID", "class_label"])
276
277     ### SWITCHES ###
278     elif type == 'switches':
279         COMPONENT = get_switch_component(obj)
280         time_label = "DFZ01.POS.FINAL_POSITION.timestamp." + ax[:-1]
281         columns.extend(["crossingpath", "track_name",
282                        "track_direction", "switch_ID", "class_label"])
283
284     # Accelerometer accelerations
285     acc_time_label = 'DFZ01.DYN.ACCEL_AXLE_T.timestamp'
286     acc_label = 'DFZ01.DYN.ACCEL_AXLE_T.Z_' + ax + '_T.data'
287     acc_time = obj.MEAS_DYN.DFZ01_DYN_ACCEL_AXLE_T[acc_time_label].values
288     acc = obj.MEAS_DYN.DFZ01_DYN_ACCEL_AXLE_T[acc_label].values
289
290     count = 0
291     for i, row in tqdm(COMPONENT.iterrows(), total = len(COMPONENT), desc=type + " " + ax):
292         timestamp = row[time_label]
293
294         if np.isnan(timestamp):
295             continue
296
297         timestamps, accelerations = get_peak_window(
298             timestamp, timestamp,
299             peak_offset, window_offset,
300             acc_time, acc)
301
302         window_length = (timestamps[-1] - timestamps[0]) / nanosec
303         severity = 5
304         vehicle_speed = find_vehicle_speed(timestamp, obj)
305
306         features = [timestamps, accelerations, window_length,
307                    severity, vehicle_speed, ax,
308                    obj.campaign, driving_direction]
309
310         ### INSULATION JOINT ###
311         if type == 'insulationjoint':
312             ID = row["DfA.IPID"]
313             class_label = 0
314             features.extend([ID, class_label])
315
316         elif type == 'switches':
317             # timestamp is start_time
318             # end_time = row[ax_time_label] + row[end_time_label] - row[timestamp_label]
319             switch_id = row['TRACK.data.gtgid']
320             track_name = row['TRACK.data.name']
321             track_direction = row['TRACK.data.direction_vehicle']
322             crossingpath = str(row["crossingpath"])
323             class_label = 1
324             features.extend([crossingpath, track_name,
325                             track_direction, switch_id, class_label])
326
327         temp_df = pd.DataFrame([features],
328                                index = [type + "_" + str(count) + "_" + ax],
329                                columns = columns)
330
331         df = pd.concat([df, temp_df], axis=0)
332         count += 1
333
334     return df
335
336 def save_pickle(campaign_objects, identifier, path="AiyuDocs/pickles/"):
337     """
338     campaign_objects: list of objects
339
340     """
341     defects = pd.DataFrame()
342     ins_joints = pd.DataFrame()
343     switches = pd.DataFrame()
344
345     for o in campaign_objects:

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346         defects = pd.concat([defects, o.defects])
347         ins_joints = pd.concat([ins_joints, o.ins_joints])
348         switches = pd.concat([switches, o.switches])
349
350     defects.to_pickle(path + identifier + "_defects_df.pickle")
351     switches.to_pickle(path + identifier + "_switches_df.pickle")
352     ins_joints.to_pickle(path + identifier + "_ins_joints_df.pickle")
353
354     ###
355     ### DEPRECATED
356     ###
357
358     def makeSwitchesDF(obj, axle):
359         """
360         DEPRECATED
361         Makes a dataframe of ordinary switches and
362         params:
363             axle: the desired axle channel to work with
364         """
365         switches = obj.MEAS_POS.POS_TRACK[obj.MEAS_POS.POS_TRACK['TRACK.data.switchtype']==1]
366
367         # The start time of my switch with respect to axle1:
368         ax_time_label = 'DFZ01.POS.FINAL_POSITION.timestamp.' + axle[:-1]
369         timestamp_label = 'DFZ01.POS.FINAL_POSITION.timestamp'
370         end_time_label = 'DFZ01.POS.FINAL_POSITION.timestamp_end'
371
372         time = 'DFZ01.DYN.ACCEL_AXLE_T.timestamp'
373         acc = 'DFZ01.DYN.ACCEL_AXLE_T.Z_' + axle + '_T.data'
374         acc_time = obj.MEAS_DYN.DFZ01_DYN_ACCEL_AXLE_T[time].values
375         a = obj.MEAS_DYN.DFZ01_DYN_ACCEL_AXLE_T[acc].values
376
377         normal_df = pd.DataFrame()
378         switches = obj.MEAS_POS.POS_TRACK[obj.MEAS_POS.POS_TRACK['TRACK.data.switchtype']==1]
379         switches_time_label = "DFZ01.POS.FINAL_POSITION.timestamp." + axle[:-1]
380
381         nanosec = 10**9
382         find_peak_offset = 1 * nanosec
383         window_offset = 12000
384
385         columns = ["timestamps",
386                   "accelerations",
387                   "window_length(s)",
388                   "severity",
389                   "vehicle_speed(m/s)",
390                   "crossingpath",
391                   "driving_direction",
392                   "axle",
393                   "class_label"]
394
395         driving_direction = get_direction(obj)
396
397         count = 0
398         for i, row in tqdm(switches.iterrows(), total = len(switches), desc="Switches " + axle):
399
400             start_time = row[ax_time_label]
401             end_time = row[ax_time_label] + row[end_time_label] - row[timestamp_label]
402
403             switches_time = row[switches_time_label]
404
405             if np.isnan(switches_time):
406                 continue
407
408             timestamps, accelerations = get_peak_window(switches_time, switches_time,
409                                                         find_peak_offset, window_offset,
410                                                         acc_time, a)
411
412             severity = 5
413             vehicle_speed = find_vehicle_speed(switches_time, obj)
414             actual_window_length = (timestamps[-1] - timestamps[0]) / nanosec
415             crossingpath = str(row["crossingpath"])
416             class_label = 1
417
418             temp_df = pd.DataFrame([[timestamps,

```

```

419         accelerations,
420         actual_window_length,
421         severity,
422         vehicle_speed,
423         crossingpath,
424         driving_direction,
425         axle,
426         class_label]],
427         index = ["Switches" + "_" + str(count)],
428         columns = columns)
429
430     normal_df = pd.concat([normal_df, temp_df], axis=0)
431     count += 1
432
433     return normal_df
434
435 def makeInsulationJointsDF(obj, axle, find_peak_offset=1, window_offset=0.5):
436     """
437     DEPRECATED
438     Makes the defect dataframe containing all relevant features.
439     params:
440         axle: axle for which to find defect
441         peak_height: this height determines the peak classification
442     """
443     time = 'DFZ01.DYN.ACCEL_AXLE_T.timestamp'
444     acc = 'DFZ01.DYN.ACCEL_AXLE_T.Z_' + axle + '_T.data'
445     acc_time = obj.MEAS_DYN.DFZ01_DYN_ACCEL_AXLE_T[time].values
446     a = obj.MEAS_DYN.DFZ01_DYN_ACCEL_AXLE_T[acc].values
447
448     normal_df = pd.DataFrame()
449     dfa = obj.DfA.DFA_InsulationJoints
450     insulation_time_label = "DfA.gDFZ.timestamp." + axle[:-1]
451
452     nanosec = 10**9
453     sampling_freq = 24000
454     window_offset = window_offset * 24000
455     find_peak_offset = find_peak_offset * nanosec
456
457     columns = ["timestamps",
458               "accelerations",
459               "window_length(s)",
460               "severity",
461               "vehicle_speed(m/s)",
462               "ID",
463               "axle",
464               "class_label"]
465
466     driving_direction = get_direction(obj)
467
468     count = 0
469     for i, row in tqdm(dfa.iterrows(), total = len(dfa), desc="Insulation Joints " + axle):
470         insulation_time = row[insulation_time_label]
471
472         timestamps, accelerations = get_peak_window(insulation_time, insulation_time,
473             find_peak_offset, window_offset,
474             acc_time, a)
475
476         actual_window_length = (timestamps[-1] - timestamps[0]) / nanosec
477         severity = 5
478         vehicle_speed = find_vehicle_speed(insulation_time, obj)
479         ID = row["DfA.IPID"]
480         class_label = 0
481
482         temp_df = pd.DataFrame([timestamps,
483                                accelerations,
484                                actual_window_length,
485                                severity,
486                                vehicle_speed,
487                                ID,
488                                driving_direction,
489                                axle,
490                                class_label]],
491                                index = ["InsulationJoint" + "_" + str(count)],

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492         columns = columns)
493
494     normal_df = pd.concat([normal_df, temp_df], axis=0)
495     count += 1
496
497     return normal_df
```