

State-of-the-Art Report

Anomaly detection using Autoencoders and Methods to Improve them

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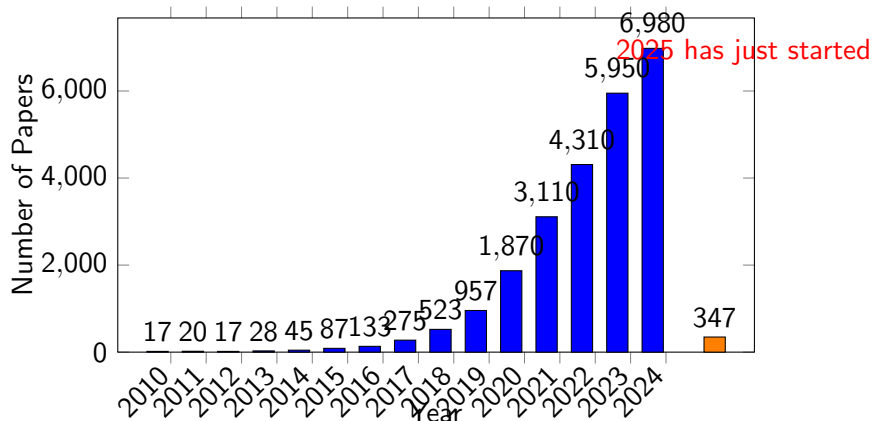
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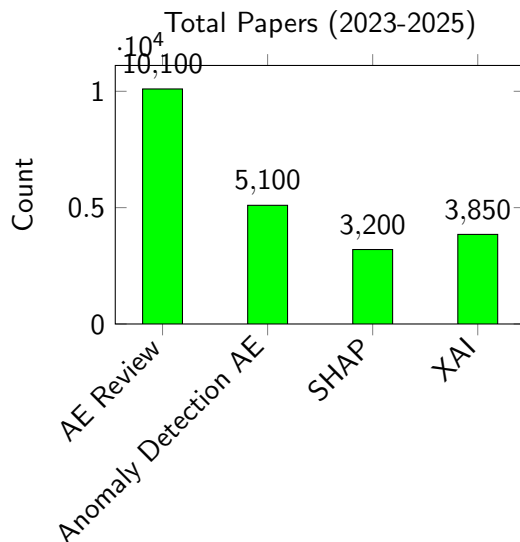
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Pappers from 2010-2025

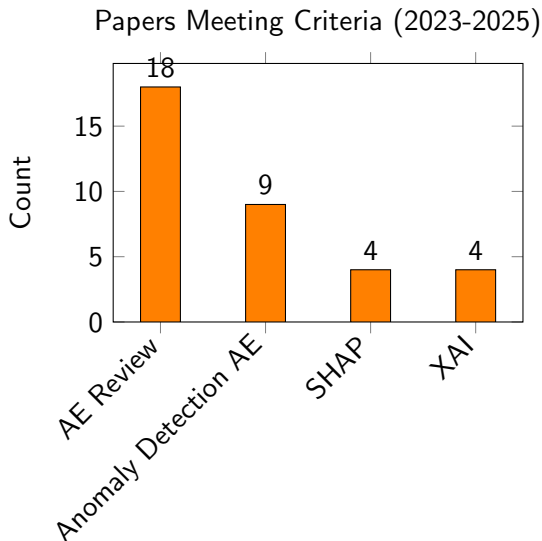
Number of Papers on Autoencoders by Year



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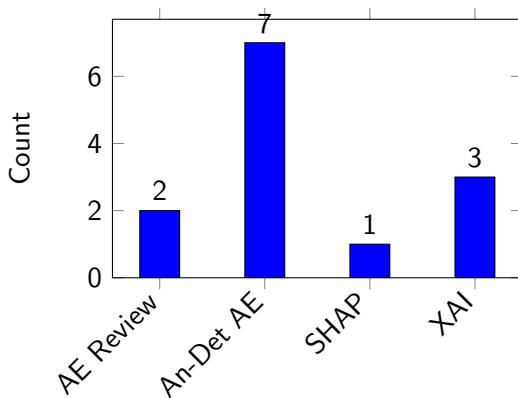


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Comparison of Approaches (Part 1)

Method	Challenges	Strengths	Metrics
Standard Autoencoder [SY14]	1. Struggles in datasets with high noise. 2. Does not have feature correlation.	1. Good on nonlinear datasets. 2. Efficient from a computation view.	Lorenz Dataset: Autoencoder AUC = 0.85 vs PCA AUC = 0.6. Improved anomaly detection with PCA.
RDA [ZP17]	1. High computational cost. 2. Sensitive to hyperparameters.	1. Effective in noisy data.	MNIST Digits: 30% better anomaly detection accuracy than standard autoencoders for high-noise data. Structured Anomalies: F1-score = 0.64 compared to Isolation Forest (F1 = 0.37).
LSTM Autoencoder [PLV19]	1. Performance correlated to hyperparameter tuning.	1. Effective on sequential datasets. 2. Better performance than classic methods.	Rare Sound Detection: 87% accuracy.

Comparison of Approaches (Part 2) I

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SHAP_Model [RZ21]	1. High computational cost. 2. Requires careful dataset selection.	1. Improves anomaly detection by focusing on key features. 2. Provides interpretability by explaining which features contribute to anomalies.	CICIDS2017 Dataset: Accuracy = 94%, AUC = 0.969.
Model.1 [RZ21]	1. Inefficient due to redundant and irrelevant features. 2. Lower performance.	1. Can handle all features without preprocessing or selection.	CICIDS2017 Dataset: Accuracy = 81.9%, AUC = 0.819.

Comparison of Approaches (Part 2) II

Model_2 [RZ21]	1. May exclude important features. 2. Redundant features might not always degrade performance, leading to inconsistent results.	1. Reduces feature space, improving model efficiency.	CICIDS2017 Dataset: Accuracy = 84.3%, AUC = 0.843.
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Comparison with My Model

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SHAP_Model (Baseline): Model_1	Accuracy = 81.9%, AUC = 0.819.	Accuracy = 93.17%, AUC = 0.9740..
Model_2	Accuracy = 84.3%, AUC = 0.843.	Not evaluated.

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Comparison of Results

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Conclusion

- The comparative analysis shewed that SHAP could improve a model but that still remain to be decided in further research. I have analyzed different kind of models like LSTM-based autoencoders, RDA and Robust Deep Autoencoders, the paper present an analysis with their streamlets and challenges.

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Thank You



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