# Real-time Anomaly Detection in Financial Transactions

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## 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Executive Summary

The development of a real-time anomaly detection system for financial transactions holds significant potential to reshape decision-making frameworks within financial institutions, deliver substantial business value, and leverage robust data assets to achieve these outcomes. By integrating advanced machine learning techniques with real-time data processing capabilities, this system addresses critical challenges in fraud detection while paving the way for scalable applications across industries.

## 1.2. Decisions to Be Impacted

The proposed system directly influences strategic and operational decisions within financial institutions by providing real-time insights into transactional risks. One pivotal decision involves the instantaneous approval or interception of transactions based on dynamically calculated fraud risk scores. Traditional rule-based systems often result in high false-positive rates, leading to unnecessary transaction declines and customer dissatisfaction. By reducing false positives to below 10%, this system enables institutions to balance security with customer convenience, ensuring legitimate transactions proceed uninterrupted while high-risk activities are flagged for further scrutiny.

Operational efficiency is another critical area impacted by the system. Financial institutions often allocate substantial resources to manual fraud investigations, which are time-consuming and costly. The system prioritizes flagged transactions based on anomaly severity, allowing fraud teams to focus on high-probability cases. This optimization reduces operational workloads by an estimated 40-50%, freeing personnel to address strategic initiatives such as refining risk policies or enhancing customer engagement strategies. Furthermore, the system supports dynamic adjustments to risk management protocols. For instance, institutions can modify transaction limits or implement targeted verification steps for specific user segments based on real-time fraud patterns. These adaptive strategies ensure that risk mitigation evolves alongside emerging fraud tactics, maintaining robust defenses without compromising user experience.

Customer experience optimization emerges as a key decision area influenced by the system. Frequent false positives not only strain operational resources but also erode customer trust. By minimizing unnecessary declines, the system enhances customer satisfaction and retention—a critical competitive advantage in the financial sector. Institutions adopting this technology position themselves as leaders in both security and user-centric innovation,

fostering long-term loyalty and market differentiation. Collectively, these decisions align with organizational objectives to reduce financial losses, comply with regulatory standards, and cultivate a reputation for reliability and technological advancement.

#### 1.3. Business Value

The real-time anomaly detection system delivers immediate and transformative business value while laying the groundwork for future scalability. In the short term, financial institutions can expect a significant reduction in fraud-related losses. Initial projections based on model testing indicate that the system detects 85-90% of fraudulent transactions in real time, potentially reducing annual losses by up to 30%. This mitigation directly translates to improved profitability and resource allocation, enabling institutions to reinvest savings into customer-facing initiatives or technological upgrades.

Operational efficiency gains further amplify the system's value. Automation of fraud detection processes reduces dependency on manual reviews, cutting operational costs and accelerating response times. For example, a transaction flagged as high-risk can trigger immediate actions such as temporary account freezes or enhanced authentication requests, preventing fraud before it escalates. These capabilities not only protect institutional assets but also ensure compliance with evolving regulatory requirements, mitigating legal risks and avoiding penalties associated with delayed fraud detection.

Looking ahead, the system's adaptability ensures long-term relevance and cross-industry applicability. The framework's modular design allows for seamless integration into sectors beyond finance. In healthcare, for instance, the system could detect anomalies in insurance claims or patient billing data, identifying fraudulent activities with similar efficiency. Cybersecurity represents another promising domain, where real-time anomaly detection could identify network intrusions or unauthorized access attempts. Such versatility underscores the system's potential to address global challenges, particularly as digital transactions proliferate in emerging markets.

A key future enhancement is the integration of federated learning, a collaborative approach where institutions jointly improve fraud detection models without sharing sensitive data. For example, Bank A and Bank B could train a shared model using their own data, enhancing accuracy while preserving privacy. This creates a unified network against fraud, making it harder for criminals to exploit multiple platforms.

By adopting this system, institutions position themselves as innovators. Technologies like the Informer model with Time2Vec encoding (a method to analyze irregular transaction timestamps) demonstrate a commitment to cutting-edge solutions, attracting tech-savvy customers and partners. Over time, continuous improvements will ensure the system adapts to new fraud tactics and market needs.

#### 1.4. Data Assets

The analytical foundation of this system is anchored in the IEEE-CIS Fraud Detection Dataset, a comprehensive resource co-developed by the IEEE Computational Intelligence Society and Vesta Corporation. This dataset combines transactional and identity data, offering a holistic

view of user behavior and transactional patterns. Transactional records include timestamps, payment methods, transaction amounts, and device fingerprints, enabling granular timeseries analysis to detect deviations from normal behavior. Identity data complements this with details such as IP addresses, browser types, and operating systems, which are instrumental in linking transactional anomalies to suspicious user activity.

The dataset's structure supports advanced feature engineering, a cornerstone of the system's efficacy. Temporal features, such as transaction frequency per user or time intervals between consecutive transactions, are engineered to capture behavioral nuances. Contextual metrics, including geolocation mismatches or sudden changes in device usage, further refine anomaly detection. To address high dimensionality, Autoencoders are employed to reduce feature complexity while preserving critical information, enhancing model interpretability and computational efficiency.

Model training and validation benefit from the dataset's labeled transactions, which distinguish fraudulent from legitimate activities. Supervised learning techniques, applied to models like Isolation Forest and Informer, leverage these labels to predict fraud probabilities with high accuracy. Class imbalance, a common challenge in fraud detection, is mitigated through synthetic data generation and resampling strategies. These techniques ensure robust model performance across metrics such as Precision-Recall AUC and F1-score, which are critical for evaluating systems under imbalanced data conditions.

The dataset also facilitates real-world simulation of streaming data environments. By resampling historical transactions into real-time data streams, the system is rigorously tested for latency, accuracy, and scalability. This simulation validates its ability to process high-volume transactions with minimal delay, a prerequisite for deployment in live financial ecosystems. Additionally, the integration of Time2Vec encoding allows the system to handle irregular transaction intervals—a common challenge in real-world financial data—ensuring consistent performance across diverse scenarios.

Beyond immediate analytical applications, the dataset empowers institutions to adopt proactive fraud prevention strategies. Clustering algorithms applied to historical data identify high-risk user segments, enabling preemptive measures such as enhanced monitoring or customized authentication protocols. This proactive approach not only reduces fraud incidence but also builds institutional resilience against evolving threats. The dataset's richness and versatility thus serve as a strategic asset, enabling continuous refinement of the system's capabilities and fostering innovation in fraud detection methodologies.

By influencing critical decisions, delivering measurable business value, and leveraging a robust data infrastructure, the system addresses both immediate challenges and future opportunities. Its ability to reduce financial losses, optimize operations, and enhance customer trust positions as a vital tool for modern financial institutions. Continued research and development will further enhance its scalability, accuracy, and adaptability, ensuring its relevance in an increasingly digital and interconnected global economy. As the system evolves, its applications will expand beyond finance, contributing to broader societal efforts to combat fraud and safeguard digital ecosystems.

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# System libraries
In [596...
          import os
          import sys
          import gc
          import argparse # Command-line argument parsing
          # Numerical computation & data processing
          import numpy as np
          import pandas as pd
          import scipy as sp
          from scipy import stats # Statistical functions
          # Machine learning tools
          import sklearn
          from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split # Data splitting
          from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler # Data normalization
          from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix, roc_auc_score # Eval
          from sklearn.ensemble import IsolationForest # Anomaly detection
          from sklearn.neural_network import MLPRegressor # Neural network regressor
          from sklearn.covariance import EmpiricalCovariance # Covariance estimation
          # Anomaly detection library
          import pyod
          from pyod.models.hbos import HBOS # Histogram-based anomaly detection
          # Deep learning - PyTorch
          import torch
          import torch.nn as nn
          import torch.optim as optim # Neural network training
          import torch.nn.functional as F # Neural network functions
          from torch.utils.data import DataLoader, TensorDataset # Data loader
          # Deep learning - TensorFlow/Keras
          import tensorflow as tf
          from tensorflow.keras.layers import Input, Dense # Keras layers
          from tensorflow.keras.models import Model # Keras model
          # Time series forecasting
          from informer import Informer # Long sequence time-series forecasting model
          # Data visualization
          import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
          import seaborn as sns # Statistical data visualization
          gc. collect() # Garbage collection
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          device = torch. device ("cuda" if torch. cuda. is_available() else "cpu") # Device sel
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          print("PyOD version: ", pyod. __version__)
          print("Tensorflow version: ", tf. __version__)
          print("Torch version: ", torch. __version__)
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## 2. Data Exploration

#### 2.1. Load the Dataset

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# Load the dataset
In [539...
           train transaction = pd. read csv("./ieee-fraud-detection/train transaction.csv")
           train_identity = pd. read_csv("./ieee-fraud-detection/train_identity.csv")
           test_transaction = pd. read_csv("./ieee-fraud-detection/test_transaction.csv")
           test_identity = pd. read_csv("./ieee-fraud-detection/test_identity.csv")
           # Print the size of the data
           print("train_transaction shape: ", train_transaction.shape)
           print("train_identity shape: ", train_identity.shape)
print("test_transaction shape: ", test_transaction.shape)
           print("test_identity shape: ", test_identity.shape)
           train_transaction shape: (590540, 394)
           train_identity shape: (144233, 41)
           test transaction shape: (506691, 393)
           test_identity shape: (141907, 41)
           # Merge the data based on TransactionID
In [540...
           train = pd. merge(train_transaction, train_identity, on='TransactionID', how='left')
           print("train shape: ", train.shape)
           test = pd. merge(test transaction, test identity, on='TransactionID', how='left')
           print("test shape: ", test. shape)
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           test shape: (506691, 433)
In [541...
           # Check if there is any feature columns available in the train but not in the test
           # The test does not have the 'isFraud' column, the target of test is unknown, which
           # So, we will only apply train as our dataset
           different features = [features for features in train.columns if features not in ter
           print("Different features: ", different_features)
           Different features: ['isFraud', 'id_01', 'id_02', 'id_03', 'id_04', 'id_05', 'id_0 6', 'id_07', 'id_08', 'id_09', 'id_10', 'id_11', 'id_12', 'id_13', 'id_14', 'id_15',
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           4', 'id 35', 'id 36', 'id 37', 'id 38']
           # The features are available in both dataset but under different name, so they need
In [542...
           test = test.rename(columns={"id-01": "id_01", "id-02": "id_02", "id-03": "id_03", "i
           # Print all the columns
In [543...
           print("train columns: ", train.columns)
           # Sort by temporal characteristics
           train = train. sort_values("TransactionDT")
           test = test. sort values("TransactionDT")
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## 2.2. Error and Missing Value Detection

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# Calculate the percentage of missing values in each feature features_with_na = [features for features in train.columns if train[features].isnul for feature in features_with_na:
    print(feature, np. round(train[feature].isnull().mean() * 100, 4), '% missing values in each feature
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# Remove the features with more than 40% missing values
features_to_remove = [feature for feature in features_with_na if train[feature].isn
print("Features to remove: ", features_to_remove)

# Reserve some useful features, including R_emaildomain, DeviceType, DeviceInfo
features_to_remove.remove("R_emaildomain")
features_to_remove.remove("DeviceType")
features_to_remove.remove("DeviceInfo")

train.drop(features_to_remove, axis=1, inplace=True)
print("train shape: ", train.shape)
```

Features to remove: ['dist1', 'dist2', 'R\_emaildomain', 'D2', 'D3', 'D5', 'D6', 'D7', 'D8', 'D9', 'D11', 'D12', 'D13', 'D14', 'M1', 'M2', 'M3', 'M4', 'M5', 'M7', 8', 'M9', 'V1', 'V2', 'V3', 'V4', 'V5', 'V6', 'V7', 'V8', 'V9', 'V10', 'V11', 'V13 8', 'V139', 'V140', 'V141', 'V142', 'V143', 'V144', 'V145', 'V146', 'V147', 'V148', 'V149', 'V150', 'V151', 'V152', 'V153', 'V154', 'V155', 'V156', 'V157', 'V158', 'V15 9', 'V160', 'V161', 'V162', 'V163', 'V164', 'V165', 'V166', 'V167', 'V168', 'V169', 'V170', 'V171', 'V172', 'V173', 'V174', 'V175', 'V176', 'V177', 'V178', 'V179', 'V18 0', 'V181', 'V182', 'V183', 'V184', 'V185', 'V186', 'V187', 'V188', 'V189', 'V190', 'V191', 'V192', 'V193', 'V194', 'V195', 'V196', 'V197', 'V198', 'V199', 'V200', 'V20 1', 'V202', 'V203', 'V204', 'V205', 'V206', 'V207', 'V208', 'V209', 'V210', 'V211', 'V212', 'V213', 'V214', 'V215', 'V216', 'V217', 'V218', 'V219', 'V220', 'V221', 'V22 2', 'V223', 'V224', 'V225', 'V226', 'V227', 'V228', 'V229', 'V230', 'V231', 'V232', 'V233', 'V234', 'V235', 'V236', 'V237', 'V238', 'V239', 'V240', 'V241', 'V242', 'V24 3', 'V244', 'V245', 'V246', 'V247', 'V248', 'V249', 'V250', 'V251', 'V252', 'V253', 'V254', 'V255', 'V256', 'V257', 'V258', 'V259', 'V260', 'V261', 'V262', 'V263', 'V26 4', 'V265', 'V266', 'V267', 'V268', 'V269', 'V270', 'V271', 'V272', 'V273', 'V274', 'V275', 'V276', 'V277', 'V278', 'V322', 'V323', 'V324', 'V325', 'V326', 'V327', 'V32 8', 'V329', 'V330', 'V331', 'V332', 'V333', 'V334', 'V335', 'V336', 'V337', 'V338', 'V339', 'id\_01', 'id\_02', 'id\_03', 'id\_04', 'id\_05', 'id\_06', 'id\_07', 'id\_08', 'id\_ 09', 'id\_10', 'id\_11', 'id\_12', 'id\_13', 'id\_14', 'id\_15', 'id\_16', 'id\_17', 'id\_18', 'id\_19', 'id\_20', 'id\_21', 'id\_22', 'id\_23', 'id\_24', 'id\_25', 'id\_26', 'id\_27', 'id\_28', 'id\_29', 'id\_30', 'id\_31', 'id\_32', 'id\_33', 'id\_34', 'id\_35', 'id\_36', 'id \_37', 'id\_38', 'DeviceType', 'DeviceInfo'] train shape: (590540, 205)

train shape: (346912, 205)

train = train. dropna()

In [547...

# Remove the rows with missing values

print("train shape: ", train. shape)

## 2.3. Target Statistics

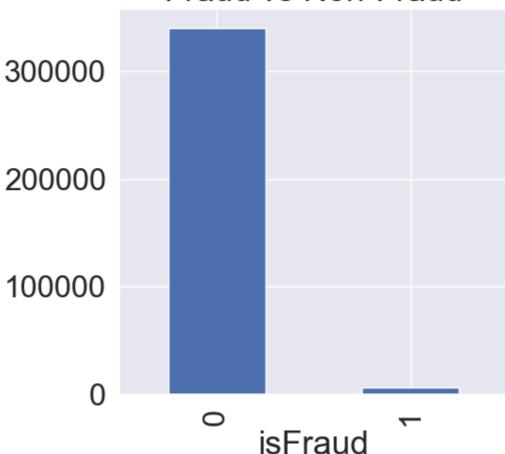
```
In [548... # Plot the target value
    plt. figure(figsize=(5, 5))
    train['isFraud']. value_counts(). plot. bar()
    plt. title("Fraud vs Non-Fraud")
    plt. show()

# It is an imbalanced dataset. We can see fraud value is 1 and non-fraud value is 0.

# Print the quantities of fraud and non-fraud transactions
    fraud = train[train['isFraud'] == 1]
    non_fraud = train[train['isFraud'] == 0]
    print("Fraud transactions: ", fraud. shape)
    print("Non-Fraud transactions: ", non_fraud. shape)

# Calculate the percentage of fraud transactions
    percentage_fraud = (len(fraud) / len(train)) * 100
    print("Percentage of fraud transactions: ", percentage_fraud, "%")
```

## Fraud vs Non-Fraud

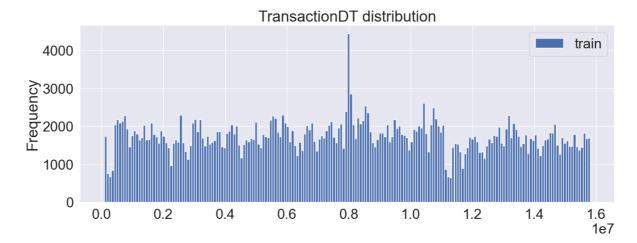


Fraud transactions: (6942, 205) Non-Fraud transactions: (339970, 205)

Percentage of fraud transactions: 2.0010838483534727 %

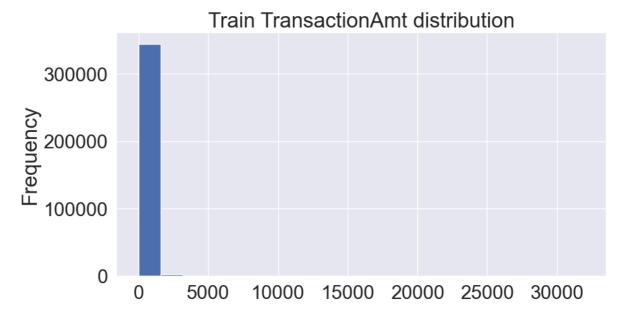
#### 2.4. Feature Statistics and Feature Correlation

```
In [549...
           # Print the remaining features of train
            print(train. columns)
           Index(['TransactionID', 'isFraud', 'TransactionDT', 'TransactionAmt',
                   'ProductCD', 'card1', 'card2', 'card3', 'card4', 'card5',
                  'V314', 'V315', 'V316', 'V317', 'V318', 'V319', 'V320', 'V321', 'DeviceType', 'DeviceInfo'], dtype='object', length=205)
In [550...
           # Transaction Features
            Transaction_features = [features for features in train.columns if 'Transaction' in
            print("Transaction features:", Transaction_features)
           Transaction features: ['TransactionID', 'TransactionDT', 'TransactionAmt']
In [551...
           # TransactionID is not a useful feature, so we can drop it
            # TransactionDT is the timedelta from a given reference datetime.
            train['TransactionDT'].plot(kind='hist', figsize=(15, 5), label='train', bins=200, t
            plt. legend()
            plt. show()
```



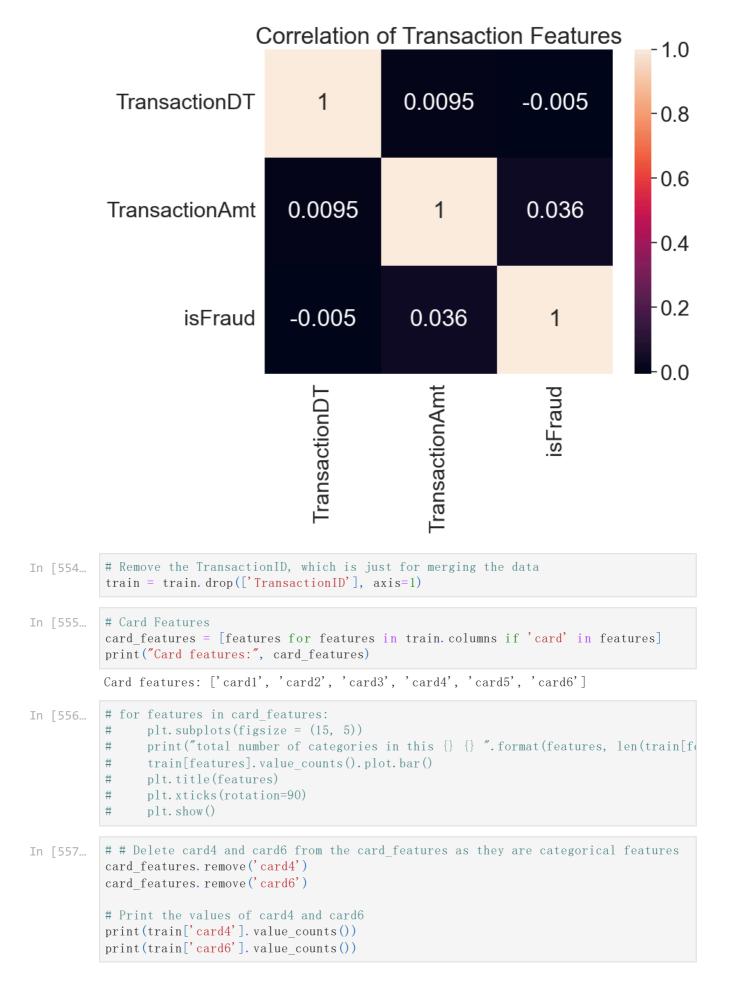
```
In [552... # TransactionAmt is the transaction payment amount in USD train['TransactionAmt'].plot(kind='hist', figsize=(10, 5), label='test', bins=20, ti
```

Out[552]: <Axes: title={'center': 'Train TransactionAmt distribution'}, ylabel='Frequency'>



```
# Correlation of Transaction Features
correlation_Transaction_features = ['TransactionDT', 'TransactionAmt','isFraud']
ccorrelation_Transaction = train[correlation_Transaction_features].corr()
plt. subplots(figsize = (8, 6))
plt. title('Correlation of Transaction Features')
sns. heatmap(ccorrelation_Transaction, annot=True)
```

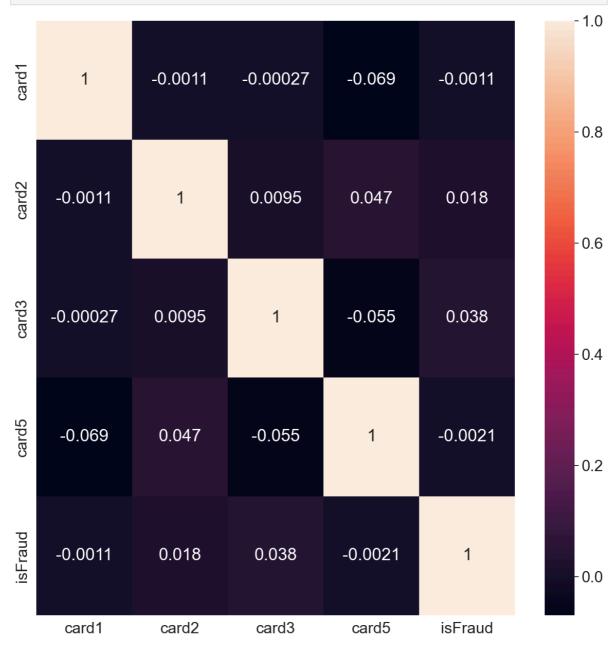
Out[553]: <Axes: title={'center': 'Correlation of Transaction Features'}>



```
card4
visa
                    231375
                    113256
mastercard
discover
                      2008
                       273
american express
Name: count, dtype: int64
card6
debit
                   290390
credit
                    56493
debit or credit
                       29
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

In [558...

```
card_features += ['isFraud']
correlation_card = train[card_features].corr()
plt. subplots(figsize = (15, 15))
sns. heatmap(correlation_card, annot=True)
sns. set(font_scale=2)
```



```
C features: ['C1', 'C2', 'C3', 'C4', 'C5', 'C6', 'C7', 'C8', 'C9', 'C10', 'C11', 'C1
             2', 'C13', 'C14']
In [560...
              c_features += ['isFraud']
              correlation_c = train[c_features].corr()
              plt. subplots (figsize = (30, 30))
              sns. heatmap (correlation c, annot=True)
              <Axes: >
Out[560]:
                                                                                                                        1.0
                                                                                                       -0.0044
                       0.98
                            -0.00086
                                         0.79
                                               0.99
                                                                  0.84
                                                                               0.99
                                                                                           0.87
                                                                                                 0.96
                0.98
                            -0.0008
                                               0.95
                                                                               0.99
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             8000.0-38000.0-8
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                           -5.6e-05
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                                                                        0.97
                                                                                     0.95
                                                                                           0.13
                                                                                                 0.29
             2
```

0.69 -0.00094-0.0036 0.79 1 0.82 -0.0033 -0.0033 0.93 -0.0033 -0.0027 0.96 0.9 -0.022  $C_{5}$ 0.99 0.95 -0.00091 0.45 0.82 0.42 0.44 0.88 0.44 0.98 0.42 0.89 0.97 -0.0073 99 -0.6 -5.1e-05 0.95 -0.0033 0.99 -0.0041 0.99 0.019 C7 0.5 0.42 0.13 0.27 0.00019 0.98 -0.0033 0.99 -0.0042 1 0.99 0.13 0.019 83 0.84 -0.0012 -0.0046 0.93 0.88 -0.0041 -0.0042 1 -0.0041 0.81 -0.0031 0.94 0.95 -0.018 65 -0.4 0.65 0.00017 0.97 -0.0033 0.99 -0.0041 0.44 1 1 0.99 0.13 0.28 0.018 0.52 0.99 0.99 -0.00082 0.56 0.98 0.54 0.81 0.54 0.94 -0.0038 11 0.84 -7.2e-05 0.95 -0.0027 -0.0031 0.54 0.021 0.5 0.42 1 0.99 0.99 1 0.13 0.27 -02 0.87 -0.0012 0.13 0.96 0.89 0.13 0.13 0.94 0.13 0.84 0.13 0.95 -0.02 -0.00099 0.29 0.97 0.27 0.28 0.28 0.27 -0.016 0.96 0.94 0.95 -0.0044 0.0017 -0.00054 0.018 -0.022 -0.0073 0.019 0.019 -0.018 0.018 -0.0038 0.021 C1 C2 C3 C8 C9 C10 C14 isFraud C11 C12 C13

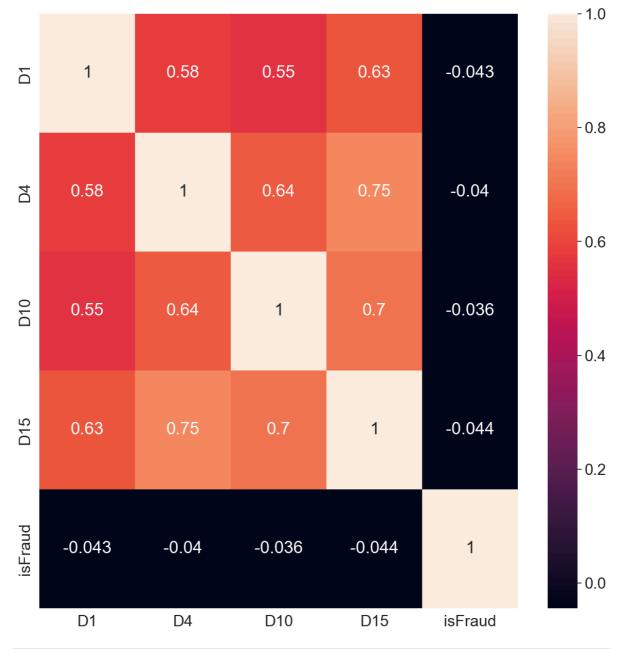
```
Threse features are highly correlated {'C6', 'C2', 'C11', 'C7', 'C10', 'C13', 'C12', 'C9', 'C14', 'C8'}
```

```
In [562... # D Features
D_features = [features for features in train.columns if 'D' in features]
D_features += ['isFraud']
D_features.remove('DeviceType')
D_features.remove('DeviceInfo')
D_features.remove('TransactionDT')
D_features.remove('ProductCD')

print("D features:", D_features)

correlation_D = train[D_features].corr()
plt.subplots(figsize = (15, 15))
sns.heatmap(correlation_D, annot=True)
```





```
In [563... new_D = correlation(correlation_D, 0.9)
print( "Threse features are highly correlated" + str(new_D))
```

Threse features are highly correlated {'isFraud'}

```
In [564...
             # V Features
             V_features = [features for features in train.columns if 'V' in features]
             print("V features:", V_features)
             V_features += ['isFraud']
             correlation_V = train[V_features].corr()
             new V = correlation (correlation V, 0.9)
             print( "Threse features are highly correlated" + str(new V))
            V features: ['V12', 'V13', 'V14', 'V15', 'V16', 'V17', 'V18', 'V19', 'V20', 'V21',
            'V22', 'V23', 'V24', 'V25', 'V26', 'V27', 'V28', 'V29', 'V30', 'V31', 'V32', 'V33',
            'V34', 'V35', 'V36', 'V37', 'V38', 'V39', 'V40', 'V41', 'V42', 'V43', 'V44', 'V45', 'V46', 'V47', 'V48', 'V49', 'V50', 'V51', 'V52', 'V53', 'V54', 'V55', 'V56', 'V57', 'V58', 'V59', 'V60', 'V61', 'V62', 'V63', 'V64', 'V65', 'V66', 'V67', 'V68', 'V69',
            'V70', 'V71', 'V72', 'V73', 'V74', 'V75', 'V76', 'V77', 'V78', 'V79', 'V80', 'V81', 'V82', 'V83', 'V84', 'V85', 'V86', 'V87', 'V88', 'V89', 'V90', 'V91', 'V92', 'V93', 'V94', 'V95', 'V96', 'V97', 'V98', 'V99', 'V100', 'V101', 'V102', 'V103', 'V104', 'V
            105', 'V106', 'V107', 'V108', 'V109', 'V110', 'V111', 'V112', 'V113', 'V114', 'V11
            5', 'V116', 'V117', 'V118', 'V119', 'V120', 'V121', 'V122', 'V123', 'V124', 'V125',
            'V126', 'V127', 'V128', 'V129', 'V130', 'V131', 'V132', 'V133', 'V134', 'V135', 'V13
            6', 'V137', 'V279', 'V280', 'V281', 'V282', 'V283', 'V284', 'V285', 'V286', 'V287',
            'V288', 'V289', 'V290', 'V291', 'V292', 'V293', 'V294', 'V295', 'V296', 'V297', 'V29
            8', 'V299', 'V300', 'V301', 'V302', 'V303', 'V304', 'V305', 'V306', 'V307', 'V308',
            'V309', 'V310', 'V311', 'V312', 'V313', 'V314', 'V315', 'V316', 'V317', 'V318', 'V31
            9', 'V320', 'V321']
            Threse features are highly correlated {'V70', 'V31', 'V47', 'V56', 'V115', 'V24', 'V3
            04', 'V294', 'V33', 'V74', 'V71', 'V307', 'V18', 'V97', 'V134', 'V299', 'V310', 'V28
0', 'V84', 'V301', 'V48', 'V94', 'V106', 'V316', 'V125', 'V68', 'V122', 'V315', 'V4
            9', 'V308', 'V318', 'V45', 'V309', 'V16', 'V13', 'V306', 'V28', 'V22', 'V116', 'V9
            2', 'V83', 'V64', 'V38', 'V32', 'V117', 'V52', 'V63', 'V73', 'V42', 'V110', 'V43',
            9', 'V293', 'V50', 'V90', 'V21', 'V137', 'V58', 'V88', 'V78', 'V314', 'V114', 'V28
9', 'V75', 'V54', 'V297', 'V93', 'V296', 'V100', 'V59', 'V60', 'V26', 'V69', 'V53',
            'V87'}
In [565...
             # ID Features
             ID features = [features for features in train.columns if 'id' in features]
             print("ID features:", ID_features)
             # Print the highly correlated features
             correlation_id = train[ID_features].corr()
             new id = correlation(correlation id, 0.9)
             print( "Threse features are highly correlated" + str(new id))
             ID features: []
            Threse features are highly correlated set()
            # Device Features
In [566...
```

```
In [566...  # Device Features
  device_features = [features for features in train.columns if 'Device' in features]
  print("Device features:", device_features)

# Print some categories of the DeviceType and DeviceInfo
  for f in device_features:
    print(feature)
    print(train[f].value_counts().head(5))
```

```
Device features: ['DeviceType', 'DeviceInfo']
          DeviceInfo
          DeviceType
          Unknown
                     343433
          desktop
                      2743
          mobile
                       736
          Name: count, dtype: int64
          DeviceInfo
          DeviceInfo
          Unknown
                         344169
          Windows
                          1549
          iOS Device
                            296
          MacOS
                            277
                            233
          Trident/7.0
          Name: count, dtype: int64
          # Email Features
In [567...
          email features = [features for features in train.columns if 'email' in features]
          print("Email features:", email_features)
          # P emaildomain means purchaser email domain
          # R_emaildomain means recipient email domain
          # Print some categories of the P_emaildomain and R_emaildomain
          for f in email features:
              print(feature)
              print(train[f]. value counts(). head(5))
          Email features: ['P_emaildomain', 'R_emaildomain']
          DeviceInfo
          P emaildomain
          gmail.com
                           164310
          yahoo.com
                            85100
          aol.com
                            23137
                           18397
          anonymous.com
          hotmail.com
                           17536
          Name: count, dtype: int64
          DeviceInfo
          R emaildomain
          Unknown
                           342338
          gmail.com
                            1589
          hotmail.com
                             1287
          anonymous.com
                              739
                              233
          yahoo.com
          Name: count, dtype: int64
In [568...
          # M Features
          M_{features} = [features for features in train.columns if 'M' in features]
          print("M features:", M_features)
          M features: ['M6']
          # One hot encoding for the categorical features
In [569...
          train = pd.get_dummies(train, columns=categorical_features, drop_first=True)
          print("train shape: ", train.shape)
          train shape: (346912, 488)
          # Store the train and test data into csv file
In [570...
          train.to_csv("./merged_data/train.csv", index=False)
```

## 3. Data Preprecessing

```
# load the data
train = pd. read_csv("./merged_data/train.csv")

# Copy the data
data = train.copy()

# Split the data into X and y
X = data.drop(['isFraud'], axis=1)
y = data['isFraud']

print("X shape: ", X. shape)
print("y shape: ", y. shape)

X shape: (346912, 487)
y shape: (346912,)
```

#### 3.1. Outlier Removal

```
# Mahalanobis Depth-based Outlier Detection
In [597...
          # Compute Mahalanobis Depth (inverse of Mahalanobis distance)
          def mahalanobis depth(X):
              cov_est = EmpiricalCovariance().fit(X) # Estimate covariance matrix
              mahal_dist = cov_est.mahalanobis(X) # Compute Mahalanobis distance
              depth_scores = - mahal_dist # Depth is inverse of distance (larger values = mor
              return depth_scores
          # Compute depth scores for each sample
          depth_scores = mahalanobis_depth(X)
          # Set threshold to remove the bottom 5% of data points with the lowest depth scores
          threshold = np. percentile(depth_scores, 5) # Lower depth = more likely to be an out
          mask = depth_scores > threshold # Keep only points with high depth scores
          # Filter out the outliers from the dataset
          X iso clean = X[mask]
          y_iso_clean = y[mask]
          print("X_iso_clean shape:", X_iso_clean shape)
          print("y_iso_clean shape:", y_iso_clean.shape)
          X_iso_clean shape: (329566, 487)
          y_iso_clean shape: (329566,)
```

## 3.2. Dealing with Imbalanced Data

```
In [573...  # Ensure X_iso_clean and y_train are DataFrame and Series
    if isinstance(X_iso_clean, np. ndarray):
        X_iso_clean = pd. DataFrame(X_iso_clean) # Convert X to DataFrame
    if isinstance(y_iso_clean, np. ndarray):
        y_iso_clean = pd. Series(y_iso_clean, name="isFraud") # Convert y to Series

In [574...  # Combine features (X_iso_clean) and labels (y_train) into a single DataFrame
    df_train = pd. concat([X_iso_clean, y_iso_clean], axis=1)

# Separate fraudulent and non-fraudulent transactions
    fraud = df_train[df_train['isFraud'] == 1] # Fraudulent transactions
    non_fraud = df_train[df_train['isFraud'] == 0] # Non-fraudulent transactions
# Oversample fraudulent transactions (increase by 5 times)
```

```
fraud_oversampled = fraud.sample(n=len(fraud) * 5, replace=True, random_state=1)
           # Combine oversampled fraud transactions with the original non-fraud transactions
           df_balanced = pd. concat([non_fraud, fraud_oversampled])
           # Split back into features (X) and labels (y)
           X_train_bal = df_balanced.drop(columns=['isFraud'])
           y_train_bal = df_balanced['isFraud']
           X_{iso\_clean} = X_{train\_bal}
           y_iso_clean = y_train_bal
          # Recalculate the imbalance ratio
In [575...
           imbalance_ratio = len(y_iso_clean[y_iso_clean == 0]) / len(y_iso_clean[y_iso_clean
           print("Imbalance ratio after oversampling: ", imbalance_ratio)
          Imbalance ratio after oversampling: 11.150645772343722
In [576...
           # Drop TransactionDT
          X_iso_clean = X_iso_clean. drop(['TransactionDT'], axis=1)
```

#### 3.3. Data Standardization

```
In [577... # Standardize the dataset (zero mean, unit variance)
    scaler = StandardScaler()
    X_iso_clean = scaler.fit_transform(X_iso_clean)
```

## 3.4. Dimensionality Reduction

```
# Dimensionality reduction using Autoencoder into 20 dimensions

# Define the autoencoder model
    input_layer = Input(shape=(X_iso_clean. shape[1],)) # Input layer
    encoded = Dense(20, activation='relu')(input_layer) # Encoded layer
    decoded = Dense(X_iso_clean. shape[1], activation='linear')(encoded) # Decoded layer

# Create the autoencoder model
    autoencoder = Model(input_layer, decoded)
    autoencoder. compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mse')

# Train the autoencoder model
    autoencoder. fit(X_iso_clean, X_iso_clean, epochs=30, batch_size=256, shuffle=True,

# Create a new model that outputs the encoded layer
    encoder = Model(input_layer, encoded)
    X_encoded = encoder. predict(X_iso_clean)
    print("X_encoded shape:", X_encoded. shape)
```

```
Epoch 1/30
0.2971
Epoch 2/30
1103/1103 [=============] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2339 - val loss:
0.2894
Epoch 3/30
0.2882
Epoch 4/30
1103/1103 [=============] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2306 - val_loss:
0.2869
Epoch 5/30
1103/1103 [============] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2303 - val loss:
0.2870
Epoch 6/30
0.2865
Epoch 7/30
0.2864
Epoch 8/30
0.2860
Epoch 9/30
0.2857
Epoch 10/30
1103/1103 [=============] - 2s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2299 - val_loss:
0.2855
Epoch 11/30
0.2853
Epoch 12/30
0.2869
Epoch 13/30
0.2854
Epoch 14/30
1103/1103 [============] - 2s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2297 - val loss:
0.2854
Epoch 15/30
1103/1103 [=====
            ========] - 2s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2297 - val_loss:
0.2854
Epoch 16/30
1103/1103 [=============] - 2s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2297 - val_loss:
0.2854
Epoch 17/30
1103/1103 [============] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2296 - val loss:
0.2848
Epoch 18/30
              =======] - 2s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2296 - val_loss:
1103/1103 [=====
0.2845
Epoch 19/30
1103/1103 [=============] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2296 - val loss:
0.2850
Epoch 20/30
1103/1103 [=============] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2296 - val loss:
0.2845
Epoch 21/30
0.2838
Epoch 22/30
```

```
1103/1103 [==========] - 3s 3ms/step - loss: 0.2295 - val_loss:
0.2841
Epoch 23/30
1103/1103 [===========] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2294 - val_loss:
0.2837
Epoch 24/30
1103/1103 [===========] - 2s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2295 - val_loss:
0.2835
Epoch 25/30
1103/1103 [===========] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2294 - val_loss:
0.2828
Epoch 26/30
1103/1103 [===========] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2294 - val_loss:
0.2831
Epoch 27/30
1103/1103 [==========] - 2s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2293 - val_loss:
0.2829
Epoch 28/30
1103/1103 [===========] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2293 - val_loss:
0.2822
Epoch 29/30
1103/1103 [=============] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2293 - val_loss:
0.2820
Epoch 30/30
1103/1103 [===========] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2292 - val_loss:
0.2815
11025/11025 [===========] - 6s 529us/step
X_encoded shape: (352794, 20)
```

## 3.5. Splitting the Training and Test Sets

```
In [579...  # Split the cleaned dataset into training (80%) and testing (20%) sets
    X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X_encoded, y_iso_clean, test_siz)

In [580...  # Save the data
    np. savez_compressed("./processed_data/data.npz", X_train=X_train, X_test=X_test, y_t)

In [581...  # Load the data
    data = np. load("./processed_data/data.npz")
    X_train = data['X_train']
    X_test = data['X_test']
    y_train = data['y_train']
    y_test = data['y_test']
```

## 4. Models

## 4.1. Performance Analysis (Accuracy, Confusion Matrix, AUC)

```
In [582... def performance_analysis(y_test, y_pred):
    # Compute Accuracy
    acc = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
    # Compute Confusion Matrix
    cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)
    # Compute AUC Score
    auc = roc_auc_score(y_test, y_pred)

# Print results
    print(f"Accuracy: {acc:.4f}")
```

```
print("Confusion Matrix:")
print(cm)
print(f"AUC Score: {auc:.4f}")
```

#### 4.2. Isolation Forest

Isolation Forest is an unsupervised anomaly detection algorithm that identifies outliers by isolating them from the majority of the data. The algorithm works by recursively partitioning the dataset using random feature selection and random split points. It builds multiple isolation trees, where each tree is constructed by selecting a feature at random and splitting it at a randomly chosen value within the feature range. This process continues recursively until all points are isolated. The key idea is that anomalies, being rare and having feature values that deviate significantly from normal data, tend to be isolated in fewer splits, leading to shorter average path lengths in the trees. The anomaly score for each data point is determined by computing its average path length across multiple trees; points with shorter paths are more likely to be anomalies. Isolation Forest is efficient, with a time complexity of O(n log n), making it scalable for large datasets. It is also effective in high-dimensional spaces since it does not rely on distance-based calculations like k-NN. However, its performance may vary if feature correlations exist, as random splits may not always be optimal. Despite th|is, Isolation Forest is widely used in applications such as fraud detection, intrusion detection, and fault diagnosis due to its speed, scalability, and effectiveness in identifying anomalies without requiring labeled data.

```
# Train Isolation Forest
In [583...
           iso_forest = IsolationForest(contamination=0.05, random_state=1)
           iso_forest. fit(X_train)
           # Predict anomalies (Isolation Forest outputs 1 for normal and -1 for anomalies)
           y_pred = iso_forest. predict(X_test)
           # Convert -1 to 1 (fraud) and 1 to 0 (normal) to match the target labels
           y pred = [1 \text{ if } i == -1 \text{ else } 0 \text{ for } i \text{ in } y \text{ pred}]
           # Evaluate the performance of Isolation Forest
           print("Isolation Forest Performance:")
           performance analysis (y test, y pred)
           Isolation Forest Performance:
           Accuracy: 0.8958
           Confusion Matrix:
           [[62263 2514]
            [ 4841 941]]
           AUC Score: 0.5620
```

#### 4.3. Informer

Informer is an optimized Transformer model designed for **long sequence time-series forecasting (LSTF)**. Standard Transformers struggle with long sequences due to **quadratic complexity (O(n²))** in self-attention and high memory consumption. Informer overcomes these limitations by introducing **probSparse self-attention**, **self-attention distilling**, and a **causal convolution decoder** 

The **probSparse self-attention** mechanism improves efficiency by selecting only the most important query-key pairs, reducing computational complexity to **O(n log n)**. Instead of

computing attention scores for all input points, it keeps only the top-k queries with the largest variance, ensuring a **sparse but informative attention distribution**. This significantly reduces redundancy and speeds up inference.

To further optimize memory usage, **self-attention distilling** compresses feature maps by down-sampling the attention outputs at each layer, retaining only the most important information. This hierarchical structure reduces computational overhead and improves generalization.

```
In [584...
           # Print the dataset
           print("X_train shape: ", X_train shape)
print("y_train shape: ", y_train shape)
           print("X_test shape: ", X_test.shape)
print("y_test shape: ", y_test.shape)
           X_train shape: (282235, 20)
           y train shape: (282235,)
           X_test shape: (70559, 20)
           y_test shape: (70559,)
In [585...
           def create_sequences(X, y, seq_len):
               Convert a 2D array (num_samples, input_size) into a 3D array (num_samples, seq_10
               using a rolling window approach.
               Args:
                   X (np. array): Input features of shape (num_samples, input_size).
                   y (np. array): Labels of shape (num_samples,).
                   seq_len (int): Length of the sequence for each sample.
               Returns:
                   X seq (np. array): Transformed feature set with shape (new num samples, seq 16
                   y_seq (np.array): Corresponding labels with shape (new_num_samples,).
               num\_samples = len(X) - seq\_len # Compute the number of valid samples
               X_seq = np. zeros((num_samples, seq_len, X. shape[1])) # Create an empty array fo
               y_seq = np. zeros((num_samples,)) # Create an empty array for y
               for i in range (num samples):
                   X_{seq}[i] = X[i:i+seq\_len] # Take 60 consecutive rows as one sample
                   y \text{ seq}[i] = y[i+\text{seq len}] \# \text{ Take the label of the next time step}
               return X_seq, y_seq
           # Assume X train, y train, X test, y test already exist
           seq len = 60 # Each sample consists of 60 rows of data
           # Process training data
           X_train_transformed, y_train_transformed = create_sequences(X_train, y_train, seq_le
           # Process test data
           X_test_transformed, y_test_transformed = create_sequences(X_test, y_test, seq_len)
           # Output the transformed data shapes
           print("X_train_transformed shape:", X_train_transformed.shape) # Expected: (number
           print("y_train_transformed shape:", y_train_transformed.shape) # Expected: (number
           print("X_test_transformed shape:", X_test_transformed shape) # Expected: (number of
           print("y_test_transformed shape:", y_test_transformed shape) # Expected: (number of
           # Assign transformed data back to original variables
           X_train = X_train_transformed
```

```
y_train = y_train_transformed
           X_{test} = X_{test} = X_{test}
           y_test = y_test_transformed
          X_train_transformed shape: (282175, 60, 20)
          y_train_transformed shape: (282175,)
          X_test_transformed shape: (70499, 60, 20)
          y test transformed shape: (70499,)
In [586...
          # 1. Define Informer Encoder Laver
           class InformerEncoderLayer(nn. Module):
               def __init__(self, d_model, n_heads, d_ff, dropout=0.1):
                   super(InformerEncoderLayer, self). init ()
                   # Use PyTorch's built-in multi-head attention mechanism
                   self.self_attn = nn.MultiheadAttention(embed_dim=d_model, num_heads=n_heads,
                   self.linear1 = nn.Linear(d_model, d_ff)
                   self. dropout = nn. Dropout(dropout)
                   self.linear2 = nn.Linear(d_ff, d_model)
                   self. norm1 = nn. LayerNorm(d model)
                   self. norm2 = nn. LayerNorm(d_model)
                   self. dropout1 = nn. Dropout (dropout)
                   self. dropout2 = nn. Dropout (dropout)
               def forward(self, src):
                   # src shape: (seq_len, batch, d_model)
                   attn_output, _ = self.self_attn(src, src, src)
                   src = src + self. dropout1(attn_output)
                   src = self.norm1(src)
                   ff_output = self. linear2(self. dropout(F. relu(self. linear1(src))))
                   src = src + self. dropout2(ff_output)
                   src = self. norm2(src)
                   return src
           # 2. Define Informer Encoder (Stacked Encoder Layers)
           class InformerEncoder(nn. Module):
               def init (self, encoder layer, num layers):
                   super(InformerEncoder, self). __init__()
                   self.layers = nn.ModuleList([encoder_layer for _ in range(num_layers)])
               def forward(self, src):
                   for layer in self. layers:
                       src = layer(src)
                   return src
           # 3. Define Informer Classifier
           class InformerClassifier(nn. Module):
               def __init__(self, input_size, d_model, n_heads, d_ff, num_layers, num_classes,
                   super(InformerClassifier, self). init ()
                   # Project input features into d_model-dimensional space
                   self. input_projection = nn. Linear(input_size, d_model)
                   # Learnable positional encoding (Alternatively, use sinusoidal positional en
                   self. pos embedding = nn. Parameter(torch. randn(seq len, 1, d model))
                   encoder layer = InformerEncoderLayer(d model, n heads, d ff)
                   self. encoder = InformerEncoder(encoder_layer, num_layers)
                   # Classification head: maps encoded features to class predictions
                   self. classifier = nn. Linear(d model, num classes)
               def forward(self, x):
                   # x shape: (batch, seq_len, input_size)
                   # Transpose to (seq len, batch, input size)
                   x = x. transpose (0, 1)
                   # Input projection + positional encoding → (seq len, batch, d model)
                   x = self.input\_projection(x) + self.pos\_embedding
                   # Pass through encoder (shape remains (seq len, batch, d model))
```

```
encoded = self. encoder(x)
        # Apply pooling (e.g., take the mean across all time steps) \rightarrow (batch, d_mode
        pooled = encoded. mean (dim=0)
        # Classification output → (batch, num_classes)
        out = self. classifier (pooled)
        return out
# 4. Data Preparation (Example)
# Convert to tensor
X_train_tensor = torch. tensor(np. array(X_train), dtype=torch. float32)
y_train_tensor = torch. tensor(np. array(y_train), dtype=torch. long)
X_test_tensor = torch. tensor(np. array(X_test), dtype=torch. float32)
y_test_tensor = torch. tensor(np. array(y_test), dtype=torch.long)
# Create DataLoader
batch size = 32
train_dataset = TensorDataset(X_train_tensor, y_train_tensor)
test_dataset = TensorDataset(X_test_tensor, y_test_tensor)
train_loader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=batch_size, shuffle=True)
test_loader = DataLoader(test_dataset, batch_size=batch_size, shuffle=False)
# 5. Initialize Model and Training Setup
# Model hyperparameters
d \mod e1 = 64
n heads = 4
d ff = 128
num\ layers = 2
model = InformerClassifier(
    input_size=input_size,
    d model=d model,
    n heads=n heads,
    d ff=d ff,
    num_layers=num_layers,
    num classes=num classes,
    seq_len=seq_len
criterion = nn. CrossEntropyLoss()
optimizer = optim. Adam (model. parameters (), 1r=0.001)
num epochs = 5
# 6. Training Loop
for epoch in range (num epochs):
    model. train()
    total\_loss = 0
    for batch_x, batch_y in train_loader:
        optimizer.zero grad()
        outputs = model(batch x)
        loss = criterion(outputs, batch y)
        loss. backward()
        optimizer. step()
        total loss += loss.item()
    avg_loss = total_loss / len(train_loader)
    print(f"Epoch {epoch+1}/{num epochs}, Loss: {avg loss:.4f}")
Epoch 1/5, Loss: 0.2864
Epoch 2/5, Loss: 0.2851
Epoch 3/5, Loss: 0.2850
Epoch 4/5, Loss: 0.2850
Epoch 5/5, Loss: 0.2850
```

```
y true = []
           y_pred = []
          with torch. no_grad():
               for batch_x, batch_y in test_loader:
                   outputs = model(batch_x)
                   _, predicted = torch.max(outputs, 1) # Get predicted class
                   y_true. extend(batch_y. cpu(). numpy()) # Convert tensor to list
                   y_pred. extend(predicted. cpu(). numpy()) # Convert tensor to list
           # Call the performance analysis function
           performance_analysis(y_true, y_pred)
          Accuracy: 0.9180
          Confusion Matrix:
          [64721
                      0]
           [ 5778
                      0]]
          AUC Score: 0.5000
In [588...
          # Store the model
           torch. save(model. state_dict(), "./models/informer_model.pth")
```

#### 4.4. Time2Vec-Informer

```
In [ ]: # # Time2Vec layer
         # class Time2Vec(nn.Module):
               def __init__(self, input_dim, output_dim):
         #
                   super(Time2Vec, self).__init__()
                   self. W = nn. Linear (input dim, output dim)
         #
                   self.sinusoidal = nn.Parameter(torch.randn(output_dim), requires_grad=True)
         #
               def forward(self, x):
         #
                   v_i = self.W(x)
         #
                   sin_i = torch. sin(v_i + self. sinusoidal)
                   return torch.cat([v_i, sin_i], dim=-1)
         # # Weighted cross entropy loss function
         # def weighted cross entropy loss(preds, targets, weight=None):
               loss fn = nn.CrossEntropyLoss(weight=weight)
               return loss fn(preds, targets)
         # # Initialize model
         \# \text{ seq\_len} = 96
         # label len = 48
         # pred_len = 24
         # enc in = 10 # Characteristic number
         \# dec in = enc in
         # c out = 2 # Output categories (normal and fraud)
         # model = Informer(
         #
               enc_in=enc_in,
               dec in=dec in,
         #
               c_out=c_out,
         #
               seq_len=seq_len,
         #
               label len=label len,
         #
               pred len=pred len,
         #
               d mode1=512
         # )
         # time2vec = Time2Vec(input_dim=1, output_dim=enc_in//2) # Time feature dimension a
         # # Loss function weight set, assuming fraud_label_weight is the weight of the fraud
         # weight = torch.tensor([1., fraud_label_weight])
```

```
# optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), 1r=0.0001)

# # Training loop
# for epoch in range(epochs):
# for batch_x, batch_y in train_loader: # Assume that train_loader is ready
# time_feature = batch_x[:, :, :1] # Suppose the first column is time featur
# transformed_time_feature = time2vec(time_feature)
# batch_x = torch.cat([transformed_time_feature, batch_x[:, :, 1:]], dim=-1)

# optimizer.zero_grad()
# outputs = model(batch_x)
# loss = weighted_cross_entropy_loss(outputs, batch_y, weight=weight)
# loss.backward()
# optimizer.step()
```

#### 4.5. Fusion Model

## 4.6. Comparison

## 5. Next Steps

## 1. Model Optimization and Hyperparameter Tuning

#### 1.1 Isolation Forest Optimization

- Fine-tune key hyperparameters:
  - n\_estimators : Number of base estimators (trees).
  - max\_samples : The fraction of dataset samples used to train each tree.
  - contamination : Adjust based on estimated fraud ratio.
- Perform cross-validation to find the best hyperparameters.
- Evaluate model performance on different subsets of features.

#### 1.2 Informer Model Optimization

- Fine-tune the following parameters using grid search or Bayesian optimization:
  - hidden\_size , num\_heads , d\_ff , dropout\_rate , etc.
  - seq\_len (length of input sequence) to ensure optimal contextual learning.
- Implement learning rate scheduling and early stopping to stabilize training.
- Train the model with different batch sizes and optimizer configurations (e.g., Adam, AdamW).
- Enlarge the training epoch to find best local minimium by using acceleration of GPU.

## 2. Incorporating Time2Vec for Handling Irregular Time Intervals

#### 2.1 Implementing Time2Vec

- Add a Time2Vec encoding layer before feeding transaction timestamps into the model.
- Experiment with both sinusoidal-based and learnable weight-based Time2Vec formulations.

Conduct ablation studies to compare the model performance with and without
 Time2Vec.

#### 2.2 Evaluating Impact of Time2Vec

- Compare performance metrics (ROC-AUC, PR-AUC, and F1-score) before and after adding Time2Vec.
- Visualize learned time encodings to ensure the model captures meaningful temporal dependencies.

## 3. Model Fusion: Combining Isolation Forest & Informer

#### 3.1 Late Fusion Strategy

- Combine Isolation Forest and Informer predictions using:
  - **Stacking ensemble** (training a meta-classifier on their outputs).
  - Weighted averaging based on each model's confidence.

#### 3.2 Comparative Analysis

- Evaluate performance differences between:
  - Informer-only vs. Informer + Isolation Forest.
  - Feature fusion vs. decision-level fusion.