



# Root Cause Analysis of Anomalies in MultiVariate Time Series through Granger Causal Discovery

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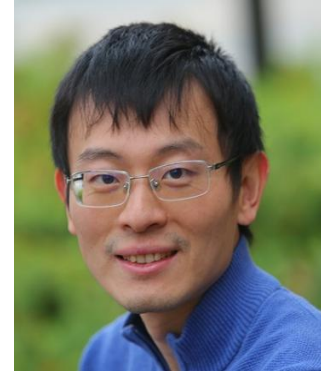
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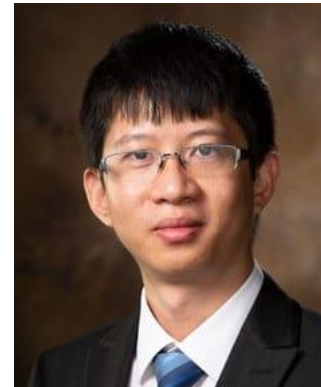
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# Contribution

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- **Learn the Granger causality among time series**
- **Explicitly model the distributions of exogenous variables** under normal conditions
- **Identify the root causes of anomalies** by highlighting exogenous variables that significantly deviate from their normal states
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# Granger Causality

- Granger causality is commonly used for modeling causal relationships in multivariate time series.
- Key assumption: If the prediction of the future value  $Y$  can be improved by knowing past elements of  $X$ , then  $X$  “Granger causes”  $Y$ .

Let a stationary time-series as  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_t, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T)$ , where  $\mathbf{x}_t \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is a  $d$ -dimensional vector (e.g.,  $d$ -dimensional time series data from  $d$  sensors) at a specific time  $t$ . Suppose that the true data generation mechanism is defined in the form of

$$x_t^{(j)} := f^{(j)}(\mathbf{x}_{\leq t-1}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{\leq t-1}^{(d)}) + u_t^{(j)}, \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq d, \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_{\leq t-1}^{(j)} = [\dots, x_{t-2}^{(j)}, x_{t-1}^{(j)}]$  denotes the past of series  $j$ ;  $u_t^{(j)} \in \mathbf{u}^{(j)}$  indicates exogenous variable for time series  $j$  at time step  $t$ ;  $f^{(j)}(\cdot)$  is a function for time series  $j$  that captures how the past values impact the future values of  $\mathbf{x}^{(j)}$ . The time series  $i$  Granger causes

# Granger Causal Discovery

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**How to model the Granger causality?**  $\mathbf{x}_t := f(\mathbf{x}_{\leq t-1}) + \mathbf{u}_t$

- the causal relationships
- the distributions of exogenous variables

**Motivation: Encoder-Decoder structure**

- **Abductive** reasoning: Infer the most likely exogenous variables (causes) that could have generated the observed time series data:

$$\mathbf{u}_t := \mathbf{x}_t - \tilde{f}(\mathbf{x}_{\leq t-1})$$

- **Deductive** reasoning: Recursively resolve the previous time step, say  $x_{t-1}$ , with their previous time step, i.e.,  $x_{t-2}$  until the first time step:

$$\mathbf{x}_t = f(\mathbf{u}_{\leq t-1}) + \mathbf{u}_t$$

# Encoder-Decoder Structure

we define a window with length  $K$  as  $\mathbf{W}_t = (\mathbf{x}_{t-K+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_t)$  and convert a time series  $\mathbf{X}$  to a sequence of sliding windows  $\mathcal{W} = (\mathbf{W}_K, \mathbf{W}_{K+1}, \dots, \mathbf{W}_T)$ .

Given a time series window, we first **parameterize** the Granger causality in time series:

$$\mathbf{x}_t := f(\mathbf{x}_{\leq t-1}) + \mathbf{u}_t \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{x}_t = \sum_{k=1}^K \boxed{\omega_{\theta_k}(\mathbf{x}_{t-k})} \mathbf{x}_{t-k} + \mathbf{u}_t$$

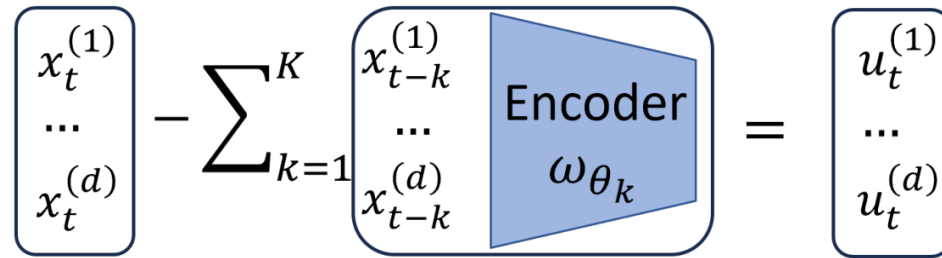
where  $\omega_{\theta_k}(\mathbf{x}_{t-k})$  indicates the  $k$ -th neural network to predict the Granger causal relationship between  $\mathbf{x}_{t-k}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_t$ . The output of  $\omega_{\theta_k}(\mathbf{x}_{t-k})$  can be reshaped as a  $d \times d$  coefficient matrix

**$K$  neural networks** are used to predict the weights of past  $K$  time legs on deriving  $\mathbf{x}_t$

# Encoder

Then, given a time series window  $\mathbf{W}_t$ , we apply the encoder  $K$  times to derive the exogenous variables in a window, denoted as  $\mathbf{U}_t = (\mathbf{u}_{t-K+1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_t)$ .

$$\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{x}_t - \sum_{k=1}^K \omega_{\theta_k}(\mathbf{x}_{t-k}) \mathbf{x}_{t-k}$$



# Decoder

**Proposition 1.** Consider a basic autoregressive model where  $\omega_k = \omega_{\theta_k}(\mathbf{x}_{t-k})$  as a framework for analyzing Granger causality. The value at the current time step  $\mathbf{x}_t$  can be derived by the exogenous variables from a previous window  $[\mathbf{u}_{t-1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{t-K}]$  and the observed time series from a previous window  $[\mathbf{x}_{t-K-1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{t-2K}]$  with the following equation:

$$\boxed{\mathbf{x}_t} = \sum_{m=1}^K \alpha_{K-m} \boxed{\mathbf{u}_{t-(K-m)}} + \alpha_K \boxed{\mathbf{x}_{t-K}} + \sum_{m=2}^{K+1} \alpha_{K+1-m} \sum_{k=m}^K \omega_k \boxed{\mathbf{x}_{t-k-(K+1-m)}}, \quad (8)$$

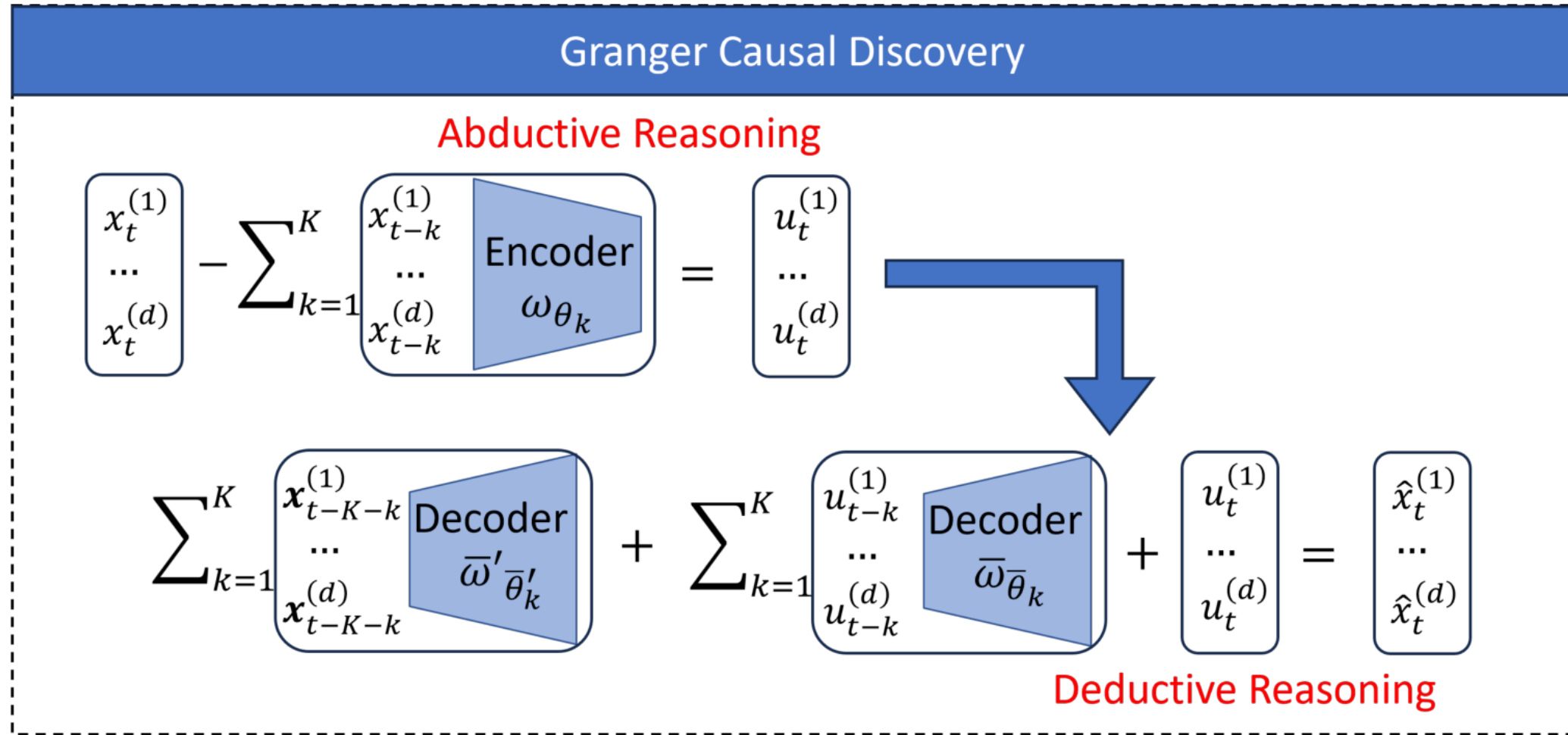
where  $\omega_k$  indicates the parameter of Granger causality, and  $\alpha_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_n \alpha_{n-i}$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq K$ , is a recursive equation with  $\alpha_0 = 1$ .

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t = \sum_{k=1}^K \boxed{\bar{\omega}_{\bar{\theta}_k}}(\mathbf{u}_{t-k}) \mathbf{u}_{t-k} + \sum_{k=1}^K \boxed{\bar{\omega}'_{\bar{\theta}'_k}}(\mathbf{x}_{t-K-k}) \mathbf{x}_{t-K-k} + \mathbf{u}_t$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t$  indicates the reconstructed value at time step  $t$ , and  $\mathbf{u}_{t-k}$  is computed by encoder



# Encoder-Decoder



# Independence Constraint

To enforce independence between the derived exogenous variables, we ensure that the distribution of  $\mathbf{U}_t$  adheres to an isotropic standard Gaussian distribution  $Q$ .

Applying the KL divergence to quantify the distribution difference:

$$\begin{aligned} D_t^{KL}(P(\mathbf{U}_t) \| Q) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \text{tr}(\Sigma_Q^{-1} \Sigma_t) + (\mu_Q - \mu_t)^T \Sigma_Q^{-1} (\mu_Q - \mu_t) - d + \log \frac{\det \Sigma_Q}{\det \Sigma_t} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\text{tr}\{\Sigma_t\} + \mu_t^T \mu_t - d - \log \det \Sigma_t), \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where  $\mu_Q = 0$  and  $\Sigma_Q = I$  represent the mean and covariance matrix of the isotropic standard Gaussian distribution  $Q$ ;  $\mu_t$  and  $\Sigma_t$  are the mean and covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{U}_t$ .

# Loss Function

The whole encoder-decoder structure can be defined as  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t = AE_{\theta_k, \bar{\theta}_k, \bar{\theta}'_k}(\mathbf{x}_{<t})$ . Given a time series with length  $T$ , the objective function to train the encoder neural network  $\omega_{\theta_k}$  and decoder neural networks  $\bar{\omega}_{\bar{\theta}_k}, \omega'_{\bar{\theta}'_k}$  is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \sum_{t=K+1}^T \left\{ \|\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t - \mathbf{x}_t\|_2 + \beta D_t^{KL} + \lambda_{en} R(\Omega_t) + \lambda_{de} R(\bar{\Omega}_t) + \lambda_{de} R(\bar{\Omega}'_t) \right\} \\ & + \sum_{t=K+1}^{T-1} \left\{ \gamma_{en} S(\Omega_{t+1}, \Omega_t) + \gamma_{de} S(\bar{\Omega}_{t+1}, \bar{\Omega}_t) + \gamma_{de} S(\bar{\Omega}'_{t+1}, \bar{\Omega}'_t) \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

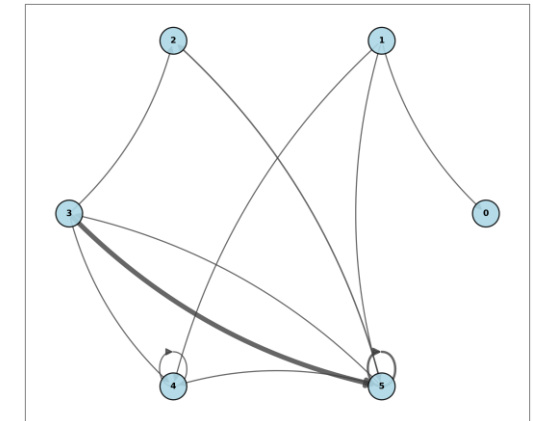
where  $D_t^{KL}$  indicates the independence constraint on  $\mathbf{U}_t$  defined in Eq. 7;  $\Omega_t := [\omega_{\theta_K}(\mathbf{x}_{t-K}) : \cdots : \omega_{\theta_1}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1})]$  indicates the concatenation of coefficient matrices over the past  $K$  time steps; similarly, we have  $\bar{\Omega}_t := [\bar{\omega}_{\theta_K}(\mathbf{u}_{t-K}) : \cdots : \bar{\omega}_{\theta_1}(\mathbf{u}_{t-1})]$  and  $\bar{\Omega}'_t := [\bar{\omega}'_{\theta'_K}(\mathbf{x}_{t-2K}) : \cdots : \bar{\omega}'_{\theta'_1}(\mathbf{x}_{t-K-1})]$ ;  $R(\cdot)$  indicates the L1 and L2 norm penalty for sparsity of the coefficient matrices from the encoder and decoder; the  $S(\cdot, \cdot)$  is a smoothness penalty, defined as  $S(\Omega_{t+1}, \Omega_t) = \|\Omega_{t+1} - \Omega_t\|_2$ ;  $\lambda$  and  $\gamma$  are hyperparameters.

# Causal Graph

**Granger Causal Discovery.** As the encoder-decoder is proposed to simulate the data generation process governed by Granger causality, we expect the function  $\omega_{\theta_k}$  can capture the causal relationships in time series. To further summarize the Granger causal relationships between variables as a summary causal graph, similar to (Marcinkevičs & Vogt, 2021), we aggregate the output from  $\omega_{\theta_k}$  into a summarized coefficient matrix as

$$S_{i,j} = \max_{1 \leq k \leq K} \{ \text{median}_{K+1 \leq t \leq T} (|(\omega_{\theta_k}(\mathbf{x}_{t-k}))_{i,j}|) \}, \text{ for } 1 \leq i, j \leq d,$$

where  $S_{i,j}$  indicates the strength of the Granger causal effect from  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$  on  $\mathbf{x}^{(j)}$ . To further derive the adjacency matrix  $A$ , we set a threshold  $\tau$ , if the value  $S_{i,j} > \tau$ , then  $A_{i,j} = 1$ . In experiments, the threshold is set based on the quantile of the coefficient matrix  $S$ .

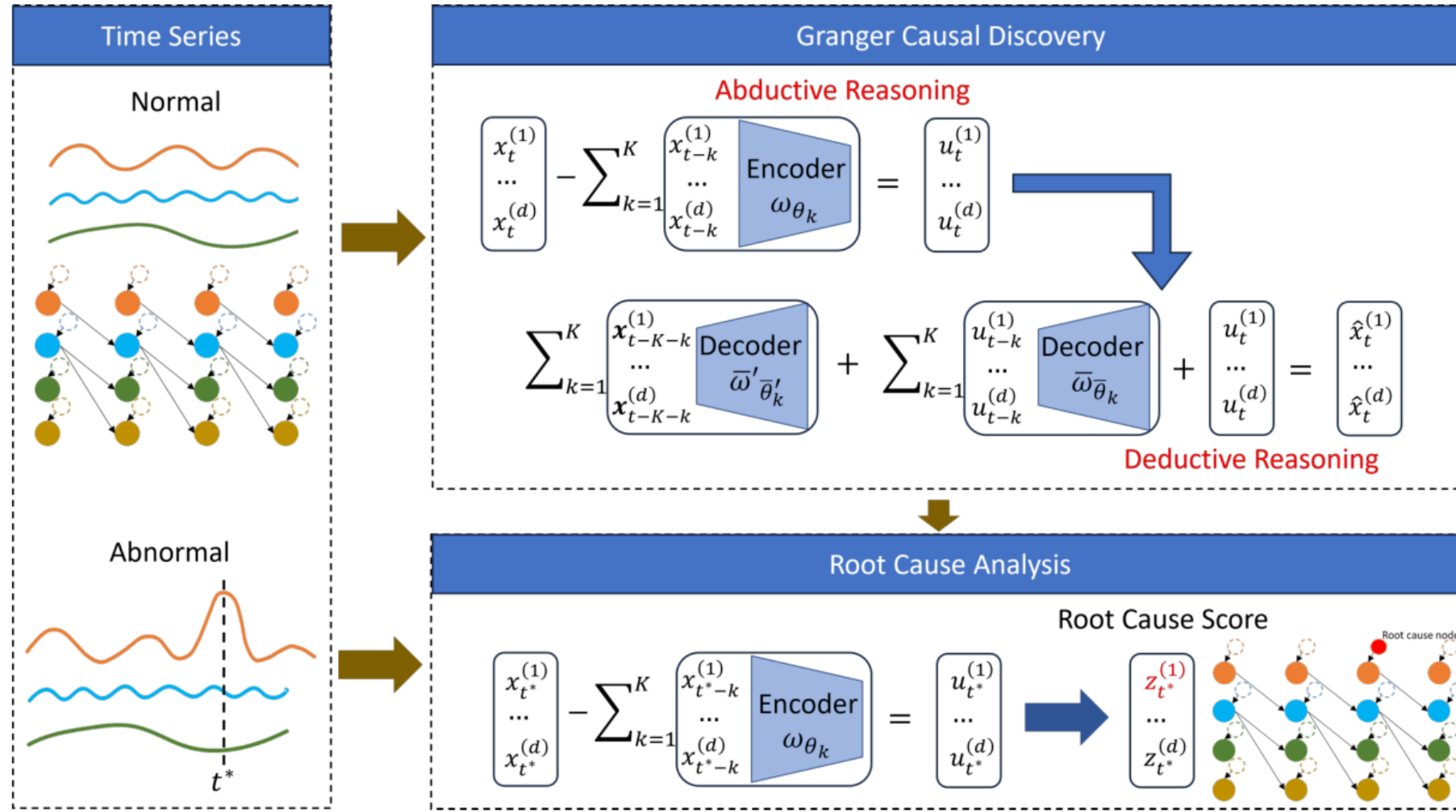


# Root Cause Localization

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After training on the normal time series, we expect that the exogenous variables can be approximated by the encoder. When deploying the model for root cause localization, we assume the time series is arrived in a streaming manner. When a new time step  $t^*$  is arrived, we first adopt the encoder to derive the exogenous variables  $\mathbf{u}_{t^*}$  based on Eq. 6. Then, for each time series,  $u_{t^*}^{(j)}$ , we compute the z-score as the root cause score  $z_{t^*}^{(j)} = \frac{u_{t^*}^{(j)} - \mu^{(j)}}{\sigma^{(j)}}$ , where  $\mu^{(j)}$  and  $\sigma^{(j)}$  indicate the mean and standard deviation of the exogenous variable for the  $j$ -th time series in normal data. We then adopt streaming peaks-over-threshold (SPOT) (Siffer et al., 2017) to dynamically determine the threshold of labeling the potential root cause.

# The overview of AERCA



# Dataset

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Dataset	Training	Test		
	# of Time Step	# of Sequences ( $ \mathcal{X} $ )	Avg. Len. ( $\mathbf{T}$ )	Avg. # of Root Variables
Linear (4)	5,000	100	500	3.75
Nonlinear (6)	5,000	100	500	5.25
Lotka-Volterra (40)	40,000	100	2,000	30.75
Lorenz 96 (20)	200,000	100	2,000	15.75
SWaT (51)	49,500	20	51	13.35
MSDS (10)	29,268	4,255	21	3.05



# Overall performance (mean $\pm$ std.) of causal discovery

Model	Linear				Nonlinear			
	F1	AUC-PR	AUC-ROC	HD	F1	AUC-PR	AUC-ROC	HD
VAR	0.969 $\pm$ 0.019	0.998 $\pm$ 0.003	0.999 $\pm$ 0.001	0.011 $\pm$ 0.009	0.473 $\pm$ 0.164	0.529 $\pm$ 0.181	0.676 $\pm$ 0.140	0.258 $\pm$ 0.130
cMLP	0.745 $\pm$ 0.029	0.595 $\pm$ 0.038	0.829 $\pm$ 0.025	0.229 $\pm$ 0.033	0.419 $\pm$ 0.134	0.327 $\pm$ 0.079	0.609 $\pm$ 0.089	0.340 $\pm$ 0.217
cLSTM	0.684 $\pm$ 0.042	0.522 $\pm$ 0.048	0.766 $\pm$ 0.047	0.312 $\pm$ 0.062	0.378 $\pm$ 0.000	0.233 $\pm$ 0.000	0.500 $\pm$ 0.000	0.767 $\pm$ 0.000
TCDF	0.943 $\pm$ 0.070	0.933 $\pm$ 0.081	0.950 $\pm$ 0.061	0.033 $\pm$ 0.040	0.473 $\pm$ 0.107	0.343 $\pm$ 0.072	0.655 $\pm$ 0.087	0.307 $\pm$ 0.065
eSRU	0.964 $\pm$ 0.070	0.958 $\pm$ 0.082	0.969 $\pm$ 0.061	0.021 $\pm$ 0.041	0.408 $\pm$ 0.152	0.332 $\pm$ 0.071	0.617 $\pm$ 0.092	0.267 $\pm$ 0.069
PCMCI	0.969 $\pm$ 0.031	0.981 $\pm$ 0.040	0.986 $\pm$ 0.042	0.025 $\pm$ 0.038	0.607 $\pm$ 0.094	0.456 $\pm$ 0.172	0.742 $\pm$ 0.147	0.273 $\pm$ 0.175
PCMCI+	1.000 $\pm$ 0.000	1.000 $\pm$ 0.000	1.000 $\pm$ 0.000	0.000 $\pm$ 0.000	0.505 $\pm$ 0.141	0.410 $\pm$ 0.133	0.669 $\pm$ 0.134	0.233 $\pm$ 0.109
GVAR	0.862 $\pm$ 0.052	0.981 $\pm$ 0.040	0.986 $\pm$ 0.042	0.131 $\pm$ 0.066	0.421 $\pm$ 0.094	0.562 $\pm$ 0.145	0.683 $\pm$ 0.097	0.487 $\pm$ 0.103
CUTS	0.810 $\pm$ 0.076	0.792 $\pm$ 0.066	0.844 $\pm$ 0.050	0.104 $\pm$ 0.034	0.357 $\pm$ 0.040	0.249 $\pm$ 0.014	0.536 $\pm$ 0.032	0.513 $\pm$ 0.124
AERCA	<b>1.000<math>\pm</math>0.000</b>	<b>1.000<math>\pm</math>0.000</b>	<b>1.000<math>\pm</math>0.000</b>	<b>0.000<math>\pm</math>0.000</b>	<b>0.826<math>\pm</math>0.057</b>	<b>0.996<math>\pm</math>0.013</b>	<b>0.998<math>\pm</math>0.006</b>	<b>0.027<math>\pm</math>0.014</b>
Model	Lotka-Volterra				Lorenz 96			
	F1	AUC-PR	AUC-ROC	HD	F1	AUC-PR	AUC-ROC	HD
VAR	0.533 $\pm$ 0.013	<b>1.000<math>\pm</math>0.000</b>	<b>1.000<math>\pm</math>0.000</b>	0.044 $\pm$ 0.003	0.404 $\pm$ 0.162	0.562 $\pm$ 0.376	0.764 $\pm$ 0.204	0.360 $\pm$ 0.121
cMLP	0.511 $\pm$ 0.011	0.065 $\pm$ 0.014	0.508 $\pm$ 0.007	0.049 $\pm$ 0.001	0.472 $\pm$ 0.058	0.202 $\pm$ 0.027	0.569 $\pm$ 0.038	0.193 $\pm$ 0.031
cLSTM	0.356 $\pm$ 0.176	0.052 $\pm$ 0.001	0.500 $\pm$ 0.000	0.400 $\pm$ 0.428	0.453 $\pm$ 0.048	0.194 $\pm$ 0.021	0.572 $\pm$ 0.031	0.232 $\pm$ 0.035
TCDF	0.853 $\pm$ 0.032	0.749 $\pm$ 0.050	0.890 $\pm$ 0.021	0.019 $\pm$ 0.002	0.429 $\pm$ 0.007	0.290 $\pm$ 0.006	0.645 $\pm$ 0.004	0.260 $\pm$ 0.011
eSRU	0.422 $\pm$ 0.039	0.323 $\pm$ 0.030	0.634 $\pm$ 0.016	0.055 $\pm$ 0.002	0.195 $\pm$ 0.024	0.225 $\pm$ 0.009	0.539 $\pm$ 0.009	0.215 $\pm$ 0.006
PCMCI	0.465 $\pm$ 0.025	0.291 $\pm$ 0.019	0.906 $\pm$ 0.017	0.109 $\pm$ 0.008	0.368 $\pm$ 0.004	0.227 $\pm$ 0.007	0.680 $\pm$ 0.013	0.540 $\pm$ 0.021
PCMCI+	0.709 $\pm$ 0.027	0.651 $\pm$ 0.121	0.851 $\pm$ 0.082	0.024 $\pm$ 0.005	0.502 $\pm$ 0.020	0.329 $\pm$ 0.022	0.709 $\pm$ 0.017	0.163 $\pm$ 0.009
GVAR	0.787 $\pm$ 0.011	0.988 $\pm$ 0.015	0.999 $\pm$ 0.002	0.027 $\pm$ 0.002	0.568 $\pm$ 0.330	0.582 $\pm$ 0.361	0.776 $\pm$ 0.194	0.142 $\pm$ 0.109
CUTS	<b>0.877<math>\pm</math>0.031</b>	0.791 $\pm$ 0.047	0.892 $\pm$ 0.024	<b>0.011<math>\pm</math>0.002</b>	0.341 $\pm$ 0.003	0.206 $\pm$ 0.002	0.621 $\pm$ 0.004	0.404 $\pm$ 0.012
AERCA	0.857 $\pm$ 0.000	<b>1.000<math>\pm</math>0.000</b>	<b>1.000<math>\pm</math>0.000</b>	0.026 $\pm$ 0.000	<b>0.800<math>\pm</math>0.000</b>	<b>0.998<math>\pm</math>0.002</b>	<b>0.999<math>\pm</math>0.001</b>	<b>0.105<math>\pm</math>0.000</b>

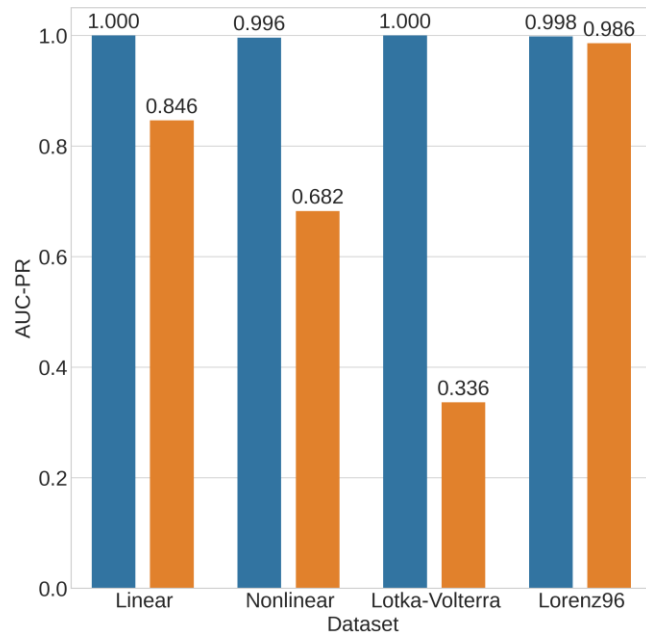


# Overall performance (mean $\pm$ std.) of root cause analysis

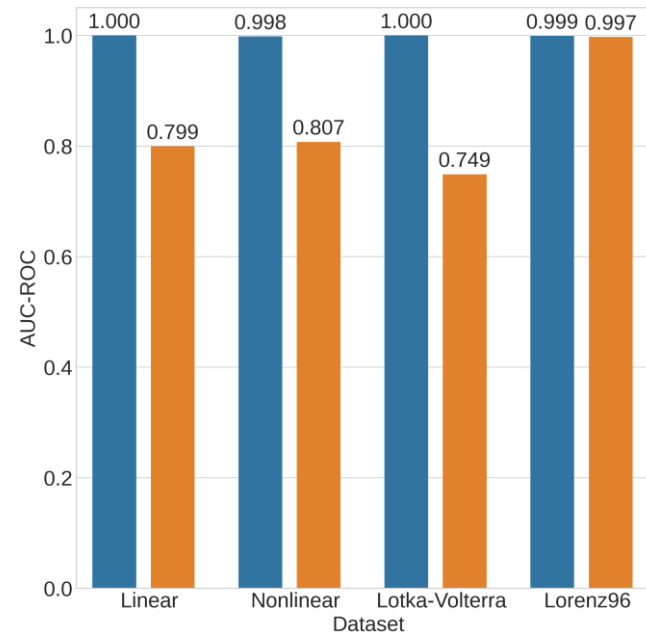
Dataset	Model	AC@1	AC@3	AC@5	AC@10	Avg@10
Linear	$\epsilon$ -Diagnosis	0.900 $\pm$ 0.300	0.850 $\pm$ 0.189	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	0.950 $\pm$ 0.043
	RCD	0.500 $\pm$ 0.500	0.817 $\pm$ 0.189	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	0.907 $\pm$ 0.076
	CIRCA	0.600 $\pm$ 0.490	0.800 $\pm$ 0.306	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	0.910 $\pm$ 0.106
	AERCA	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000
Nonlinear	$\epsilon$ -Diagnosis	0.400 $\pm$ 0.490	0.667 $\pm$ 0.325	0.880 $\pm$ 0.165	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	0.837 $\pm$ 0.139
	RCD	0.600 $\pm$ 0.490	0.750 $\pm$ 0.344	0.880 $\pm$ 0.165	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	0.878 $\pm$ 0.118
	CIRCA	0.700 $\pm$ 0.458	0.717 $\pm$ 0.395	0.835 $\pm$ 0.295	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	0.863 $\pm$ 0.160
	AERCA	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000
Lotka-Volterra	$\epsilon$ -Diagnosis	0.100 $\pm$ 0.300	0.133 $\pm$ 0.163	0.138 $\pm$ 0.149	0.247 $\pm$ 0.188	0.158 $\pm$ 0.131
	RCD	0.100 $\pm$ 0.300	0.133 $\pm$ 0.163	0.138 $\pm$ 0.149	0.247 $\pm$ 0.188	0.158 $\pm$ 0.131
	CIRCA	0.120 $\pm$ 0.325	0.107 $\pm$ 0.169	0.120 $\pm$ 0.150	0.225 $\pm$ 0.230	0.146 $\pm$ 0.163
	AERCA	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000
Lorenz96	$\epsilon$ -Diagnosis	0.100 $\pm$ 0.300	0.200 $\pm$ 0.221	0.280 $\pm$ 0.312	0.450 $\pm$ 0.330	0.314 $\pm$ 0.225
	RCD	0.200 $\pm$ 0.400	0.333 $\pm$ 0.333	0.400 $\pm$ 0.358	0.556 $\pm$ 0.337	0.421 $\pm$ 0.278
	CIRCA	0.360 $\pm$ 0.480	0.330 $\pm$ 0.244	0.346 $\pm$ 0.249	0.539 $\pm$ 0.263	0.408 $\pm$ 0.220
	AERCA	<b>0.996</b> $\pm$ 0.009	<b>0.996</b> $\pm$ 0.009	<b>0.997</b> $\pm$ 0.008	<b>0.996</b> $\pm$ 0.008	<b>0.990</b> $\pm$ 0.011
SWaT	$\epsilon$ -Diagnosis	0.075 $\pm$ 0.179	0.125 $\pm$ 0.217	0.125 $\pm$ 0.217	0.375 $\pm$ 0.383	0.180 $\pm$ 0.194
	RCD	0.000 $\pm$ 0.000	0.000 $\pm$ 0.000	0.000 $\pm$ 0.000	0.300 $\pm$ 0.458	0.100 $\pm$ 0.161
	CIRCA	0.000 $\pm$ 0.000	0.000 $\pm$ 0.000	0.000 $\pm$ 0.000	0.300 $\pm$ 0.458	0.100 $\pm$ 0.161
	AERCA	<b>0.220</b> $\pm$ 0.111	<b>0.290</b> $\pm$ 0.088	<b>0.330</b> $\pm$ 0.048	<b>0.455</b> $\pm$ 0.044	<b>0.342</b> $\pm$ 0.052
MSDS	$\epsilon$ -Diagnosis	0.004 $\pm$ 0.004	0.266 $\pm$ 0.002	0.452 $\pm$ 0.009	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	0.492 $\pm$ 0.001
	RCD	0.412 $\pm$ 0.048	0.573 $\pm$ 0.010	<b>0.984</b> $\pm$ 0.001	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	0.821 $\pm$ 0.012
	CIRCA	<b>0.454</b> $\pm$ 0.238	0.860 $\pm$ 0.140	0.917 $\pm$ 0.084	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	0.809 $\pm$ 0.035
	AERCA	0.381 $\pm$ 0.408	<b>0.908</b> $\pm$ 0.062	0.974 $\pm$ 0.027	<b>1.000</b> $\pm$ 0.000	<b>0.896</b> $\pm$ 0.037

# Ablation Study

To show the importance of the **independent constraint** for causal discovery, we conduct the ablation study to compare the performance of causal discovery when AERCA is trained with and without the independent constraint in the objective function.



(a) AUC-PR



(b) AUC-ROC

■ AERCA ■ AERCA w/o KL

# Improvement

- 1. 因果图：对自编码器的超参数比较敏感
- 2. 异常检测：用其他算法，比如随机森林
- 3. 知识如何体现：
  - (1) 损失函数（例如体现周期性）
  - (2) KL 约束
  - (3) 因果图不完备（已知某些变量之前强相关）

训练集: X\_train形状 (45969, 6), y\_train形状 (45969,)  
测试集: X\_test形状 (11493, 6), y\_test形状 (11493,)  
训练集异常样本比例: 49.82%  
测试集异常样本比例: 50.72%  
测试集准确率: 0.9685

分类报告:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0.0	0.97	0.96	0.97	5664
1.0	0.97	0.97	0.97	5829
accuracy			0.97	11493
macro avg	0.97	0.97	0.97	11493
weighted avg	0.97	0.97	0.97	11493

对建模而得的外生变量  $u$  的分布进行随机森林异常检测