

# Anomaly Detection

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# Lecture plan

- Intro to Anomaly detection
- Unsupervised approaches for Anomaly detection. General idea
- Autoencoders for Anomaly detection
- GAN-based Anomaly detection
- Anomaly detection for Time Series









# Intro to Anomaly Detection

# Problem statement

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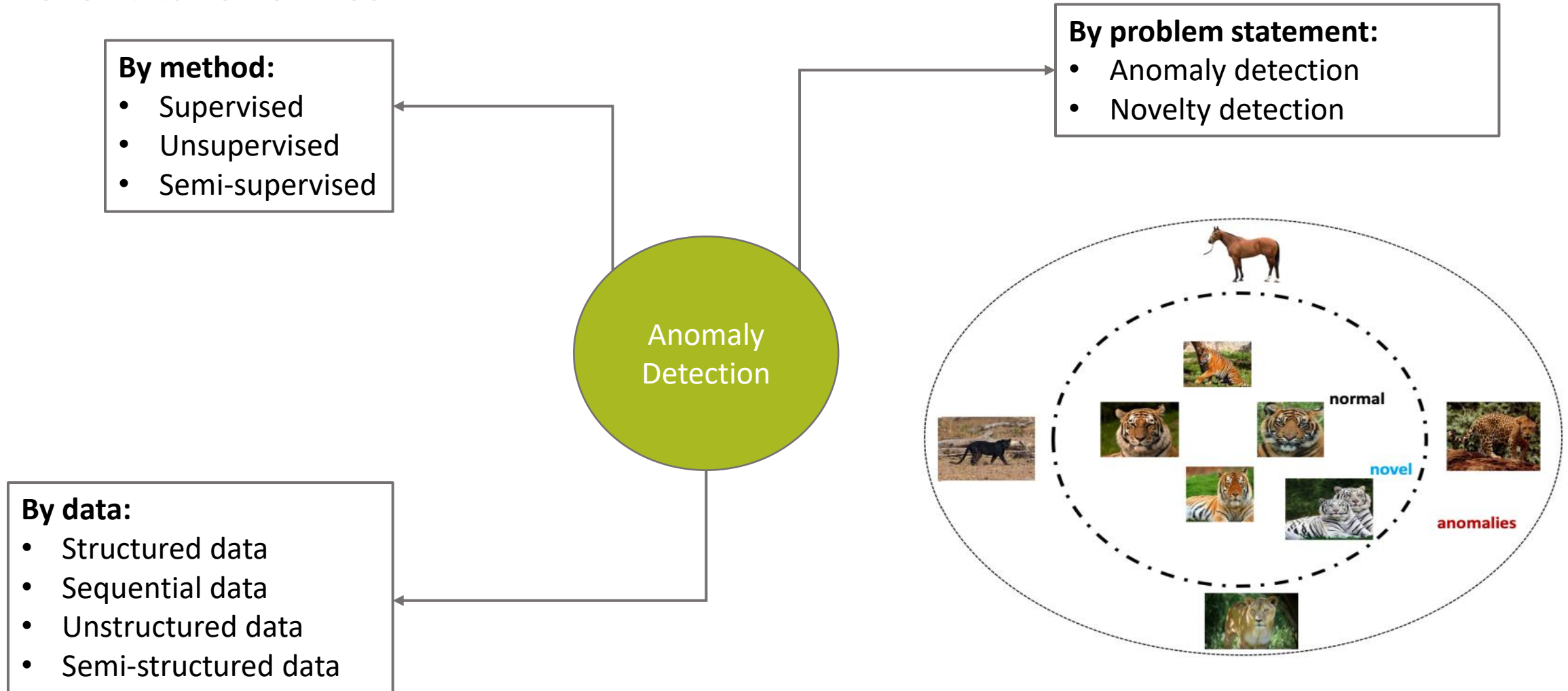


## Typical challenges:

- Requires problem-specific knowledge => new problem – new approach
- Hard to identify something we don't see
- Bunch of various problem statements => how to define what is anomaly?



# Different taxonomies



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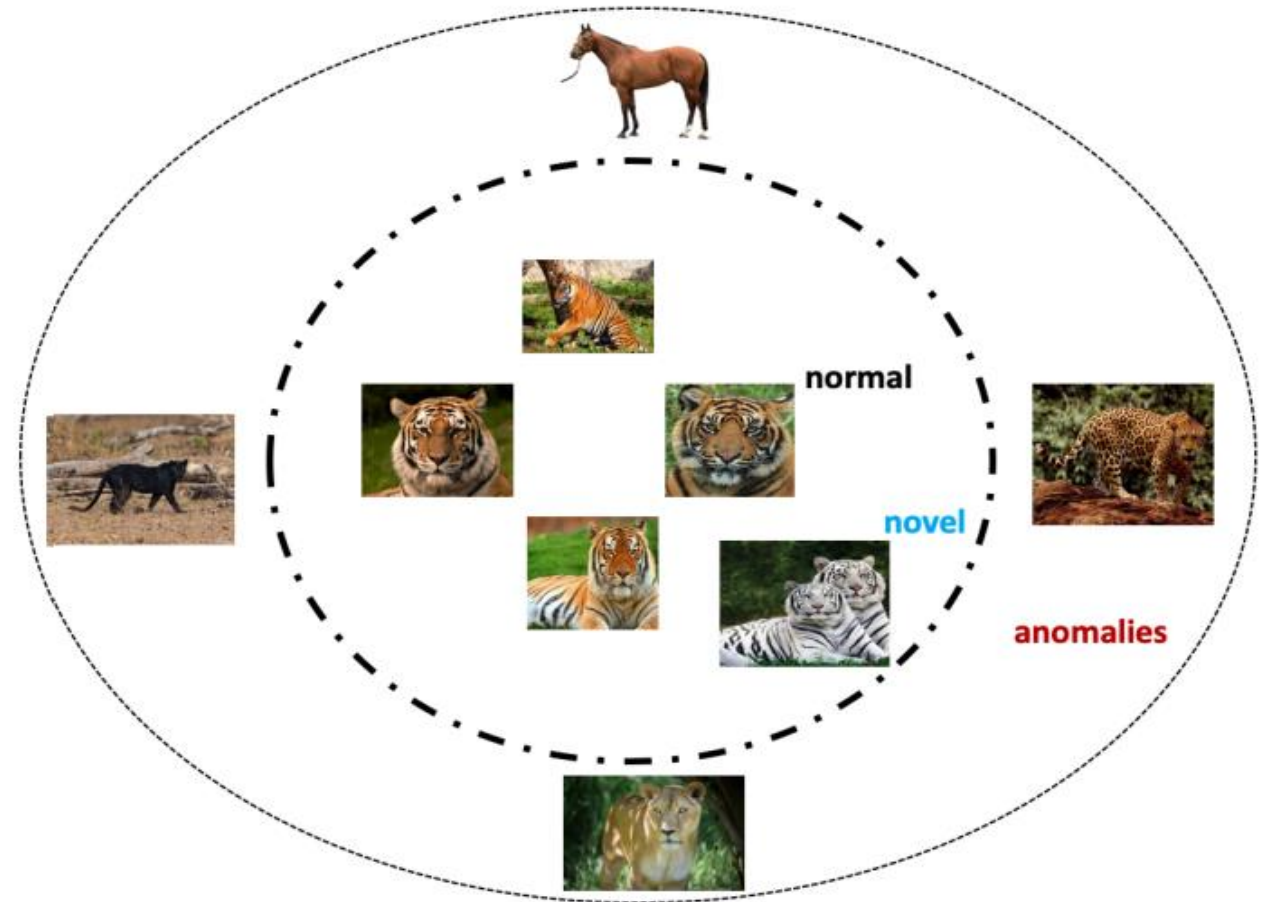
# Taxonomy with respect to problem statement

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## Anomaly detection

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# Anomaly type taxonomy

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Point Anomaly



Group Anomaly



Contextual Anomaly



In 2019



He is mad! We should avoid him. (anomaly)

In 2020



He takes care of himself and others. Well done! (normal)

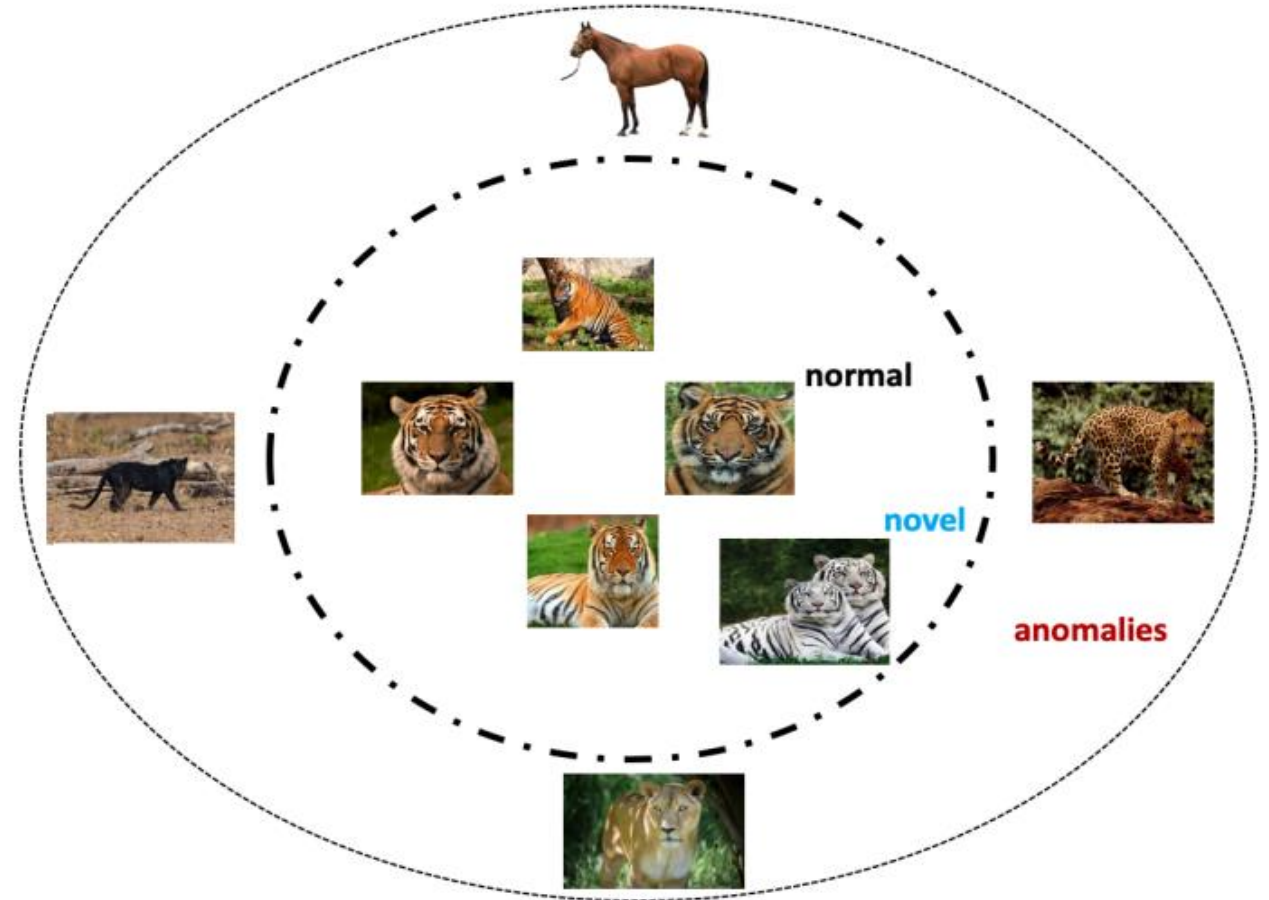
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# Well-defined anomaly assumption

WDAD: the anomalies are drawn from a well-defined probability distribution *Example: repeated instances of known machine failures*

The WDAD assumption is often risky:

- adversarial situations (fraud, insider threats, cyber security)
- diverse set of potential causes (novel device failure modes)
- user's notion of “anomaly” changes with time (e.g., anomaly == “interesting point”)



# Supervised anomaly detection

# Supervised ID is just imbalanced classification

Weights for classes

- *Proved not to be helpful in most cases*


Resampling methods

- *Undersampling*
- *Oversampling/data generation: SMOTE, etc.*

How to choose which method to use?

How to choose resampling parameter?



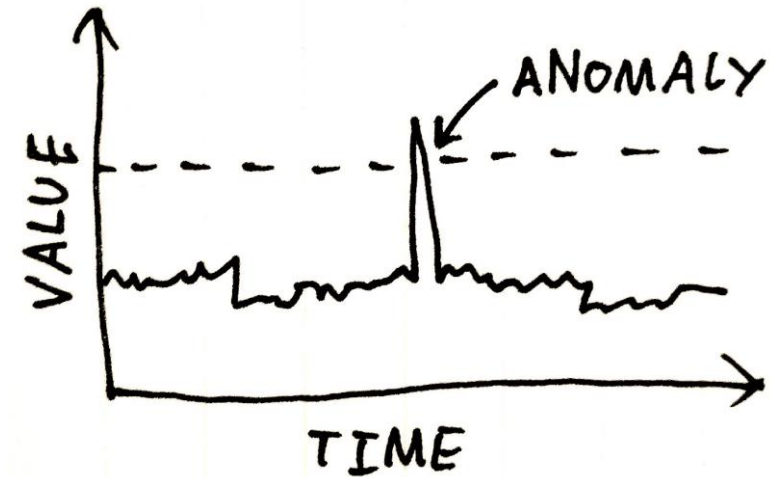


# Unsupervised & semi-supervised approaches to Anomaly Detection

# Classic approach to anomaly detection

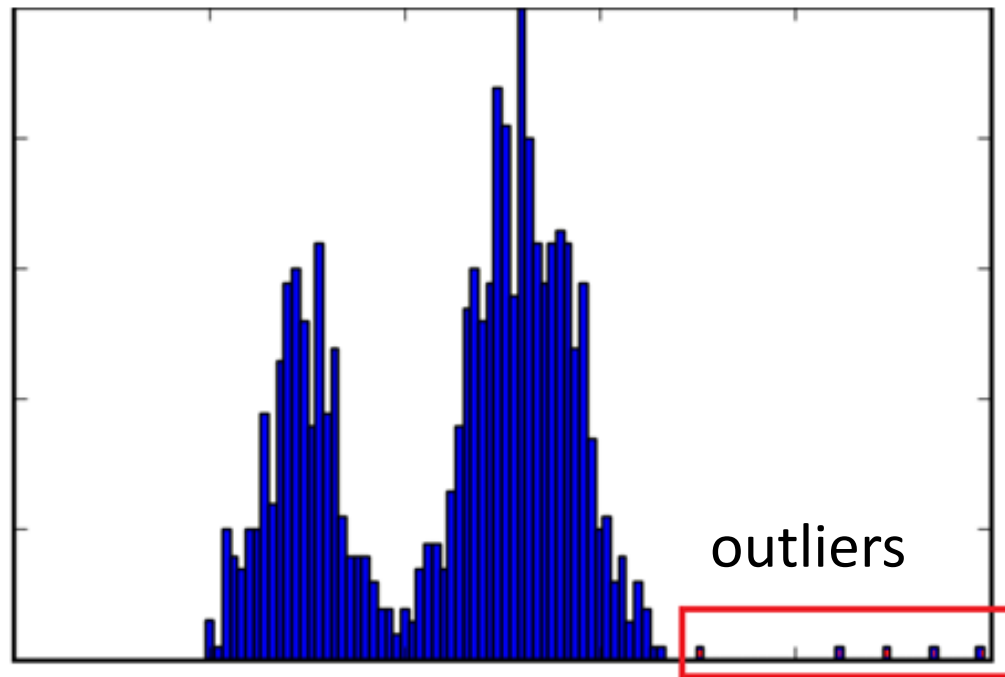
1. Construct anomaly score  $s(x)$  using data
2. Signal about anomaly if anomaly score is greater than some threshold  $\tau$

Threshold selection  $\tau$  is a separate problem, as we often have only positive examples

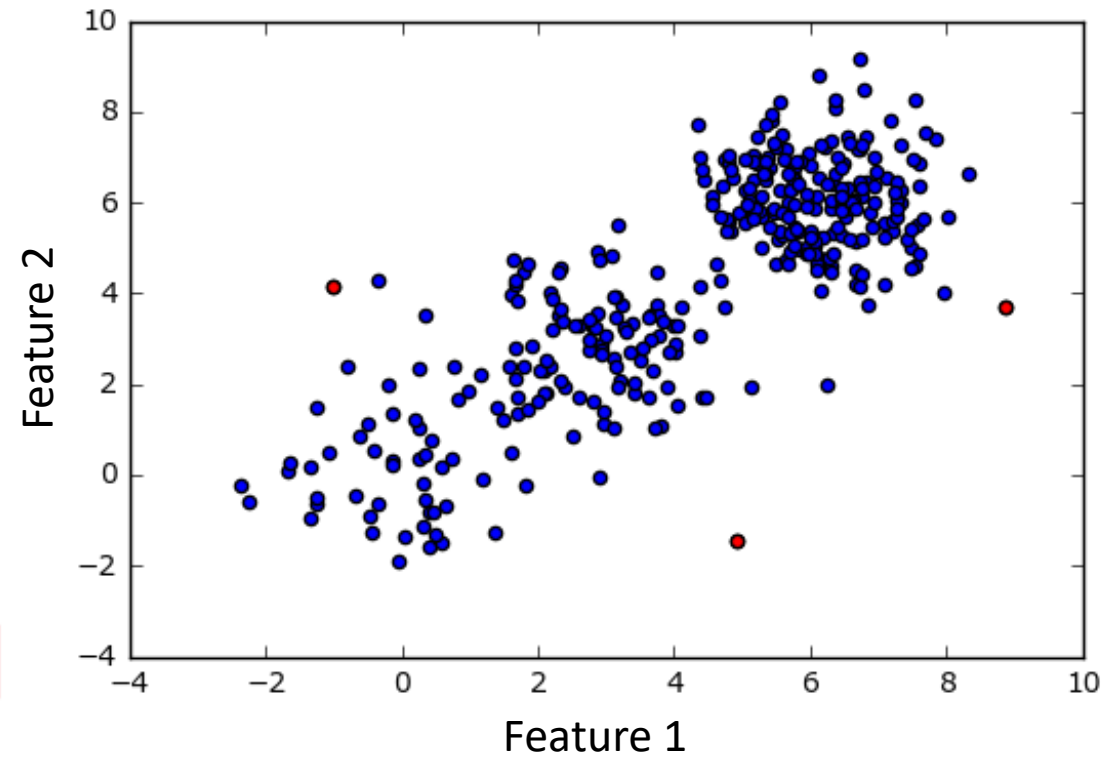


# Analytics for selected features

## One feature anomaly



## Pair of features anomaly

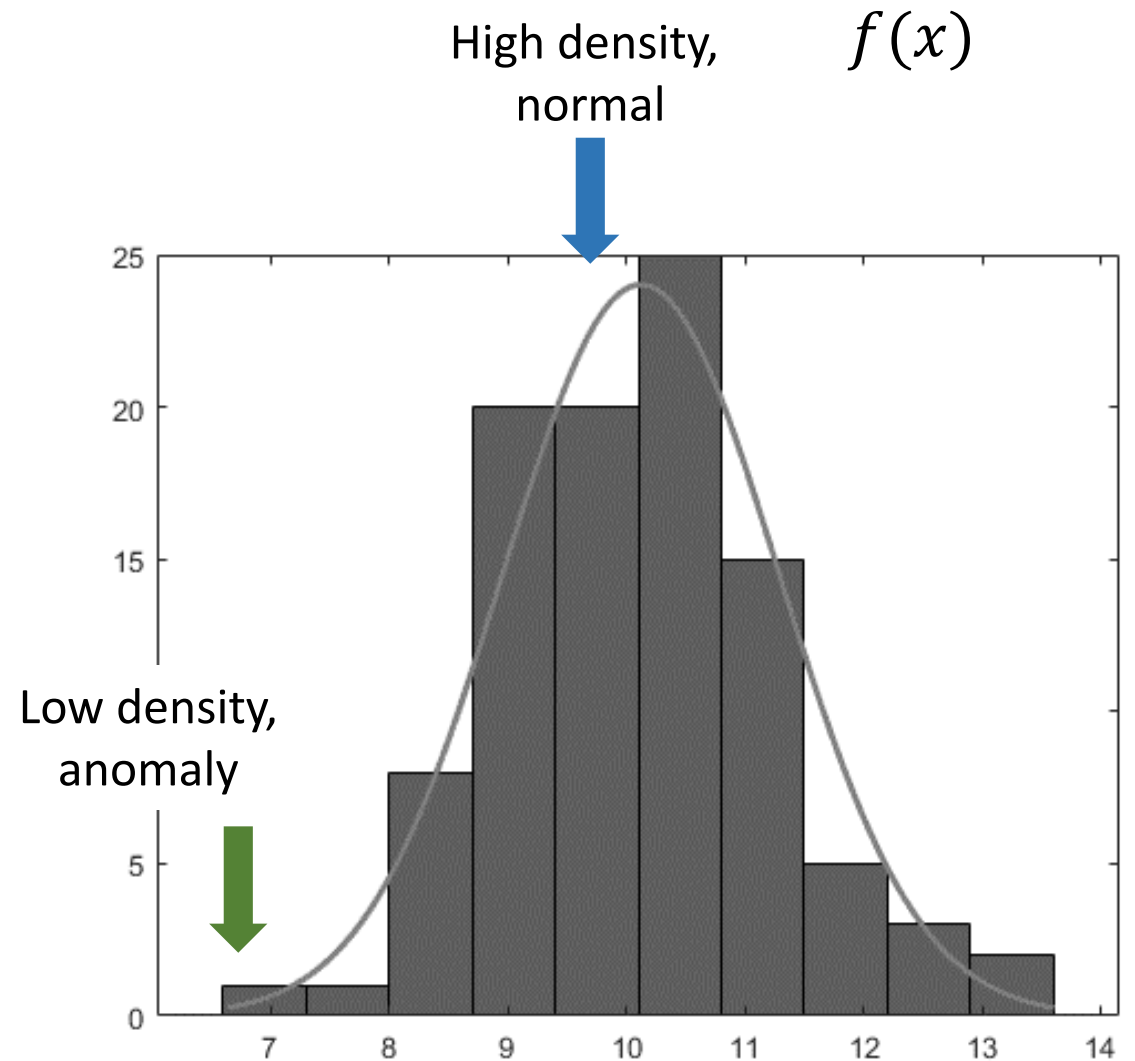


● – anomaly

# Anomaly based on one feature

Histogram: real values from density

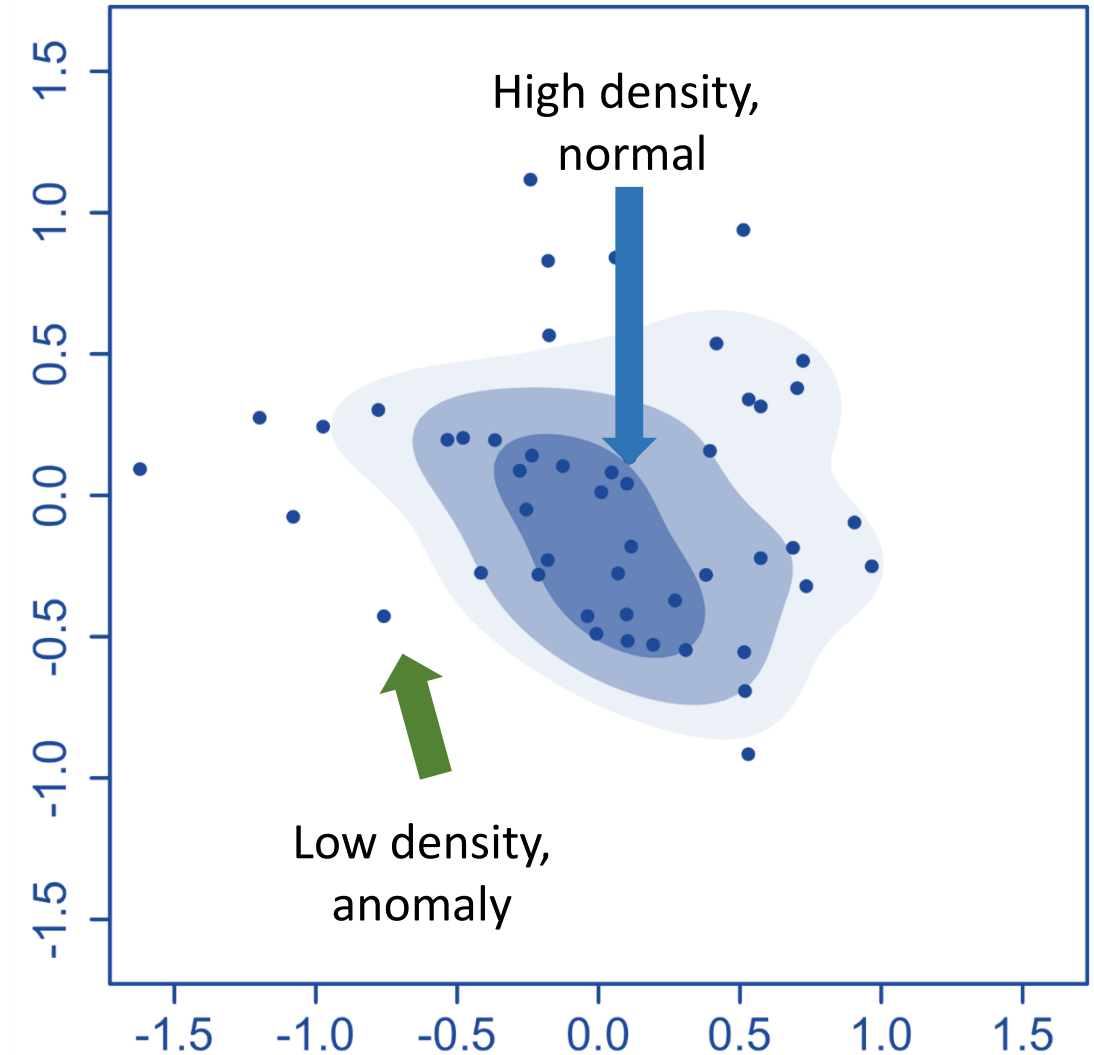
Curve – recovered density for data  $f(x)$



# Anomaly based on a pair of features

Points are real data

Shading is a density estimation

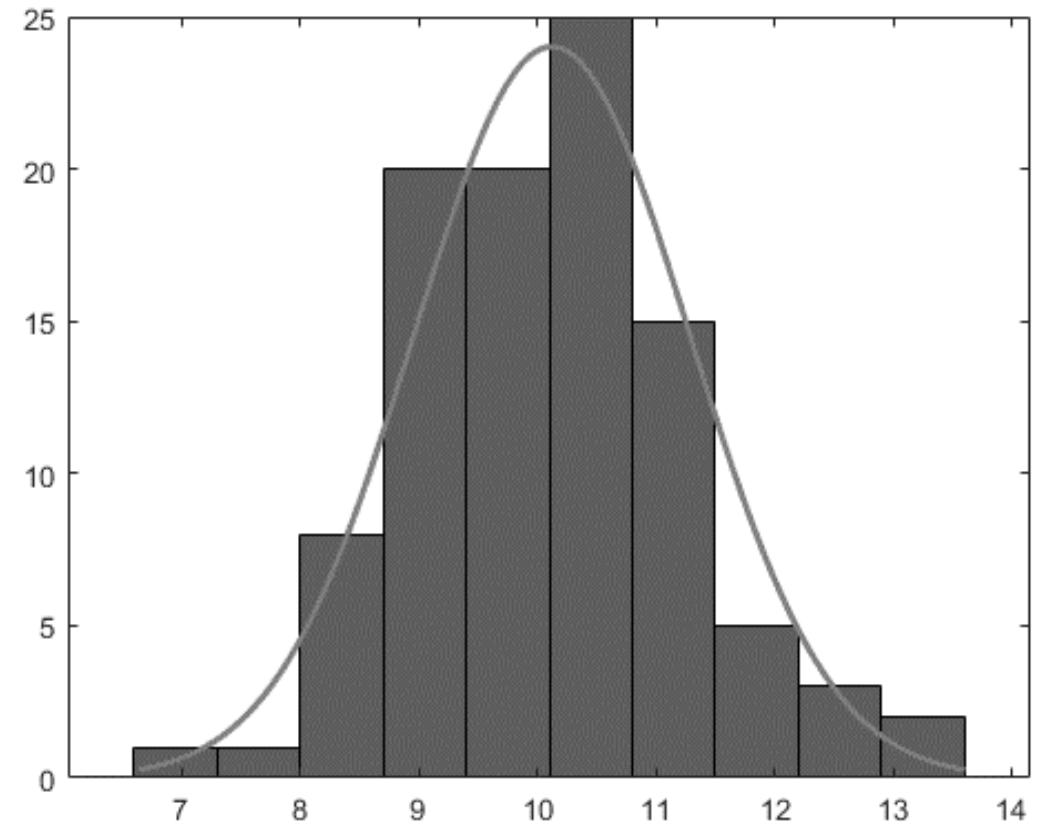


# LODA anomaly detector

1. Build  $M$  random projections
2. Estimate density for each projection  $f_i(x)$
3. Mean density for all projections

$$S(x) = -\frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \log f_i(x)$$

Get mean «surprise»  $E S(x)$





## Details on methods for anomaly detection

- Isolation forest **iForest**
- Isolation Nearest Neighbours Ensembles **INNE**

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# Top recommendations from the three studies

- Isolation based methods: iForest and iNNE [8]
  - All known weaknesses of iForest are overcome by iNNE, with higher time cost; but still has significantly lower time cost than kNN.
  - Nearest neighbour-based methods: aNNE and kNN
  - Clustered anomalies: ABOD & LOF
  - iNNE [5] can do well in detecting clustered anomalies.
  - Kernel Mahalanobis [6]: The key weakness is the time cost
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- Among the compared methods, iForest and iNNE have the highest detection accuracy and also have the lowest time cost.
  - Simple methods should be used as the baseline to justify any more complicated methods.

[6] Hoffmann, H. (2007). Kernel PCA for Novelty Detection, Pattern Recognition, 40(3), 863–874.

[8] Bandaragoda, T. R., Ting, K. M., Albrecht, D., Liu F. T., Wells, J. R. (2018). Isolation-based Anomaly Detection using Nearest Neighbour Ensembles. Computational Intelligence. Doi:10.1111/coin.12156.

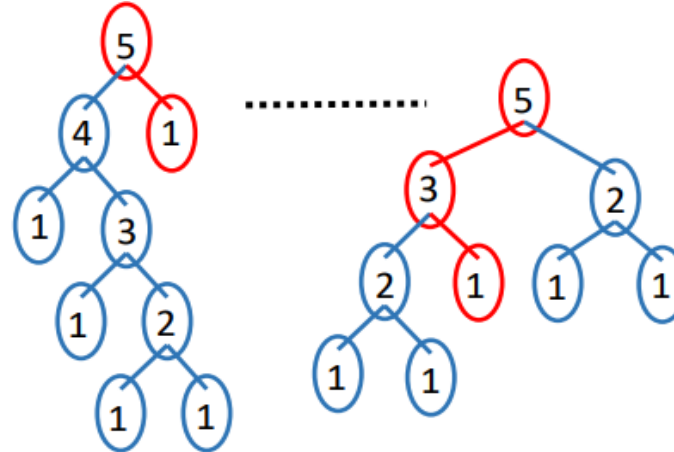
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# Isolation forest

- A collection of isolation trees (iTrees)
- Each iTree isolates every instance from the rest of the instances in a given sample
- Anomalies are 'few and different'
  - More susceptible to isolation
  - Shorter average path

$$Score(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{t} \sum_{i=1}^t \ell_i(\mathbf{x})$$

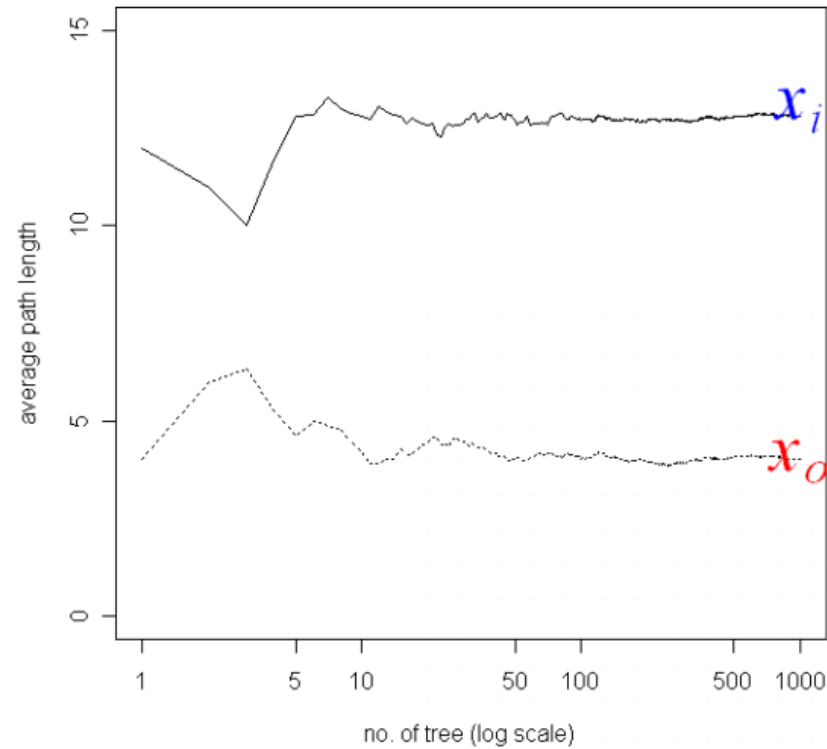
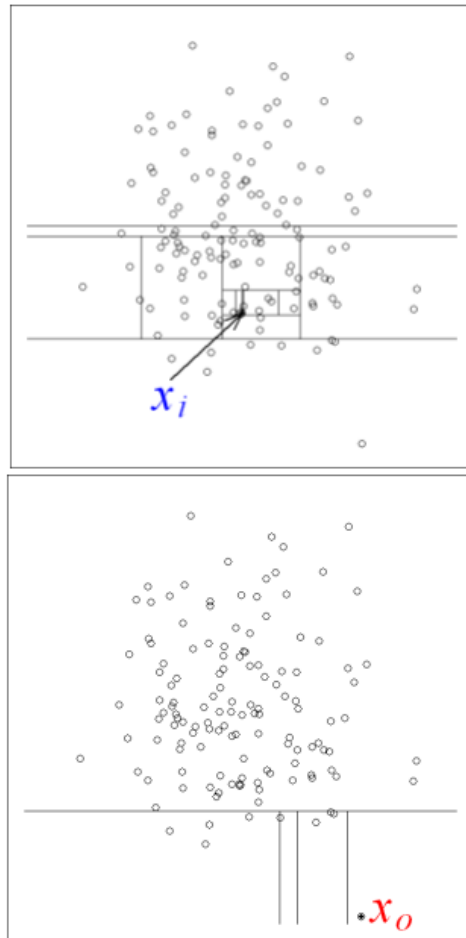
where  $\ell_i(\mathbf{x})$  is the path length of  $\mathbf{x}$  traversed in tree  $i$



[Liu et al ICDM 2008]

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# Isolation example



Source: Liu et al 2008

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# INNE definitions

Let  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be a given data set, and let  $\|a - b\|$  denote the Euclidean distance between  $a$  and  $b$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

Let  $\mathcal{S} \subset D$  be a subsample of size  $\psi$  selected randomly without replacement from a dataset  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ; and  $\eta_x$  be the nearest neighbour of  $x$ .

*Definition 1:* A hypersphere  $B(c)$  centred at  $c$  with radius  $\tau(c) = \|c - \eta_c\|$ , is defined to be  $\{x : \|x - c\| < \tau(c)\}$ , where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $c, \eta_c \in \mathcal{S}$ .

*Definition 2:* Isolation score for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  based on  $\mathcal{S}$  is defined as follows:

$$I(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{\tau(\eta_{cnn(x)})}{\tau(cnn(x))}, & \text{if } x \in \bigcup_{c \in \mathcal{S}} B(c) \\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $cnn(x) = \arg \min_{c \in \mathcal{S}} \{\tau(c) : x \in B(c)\}$ .

*Definition 3:* iNNE has a set of  $t$  sets of hyperspheres, generated from  $t$  subsamples  $\mathcal{S}_i$ , defined as follows:

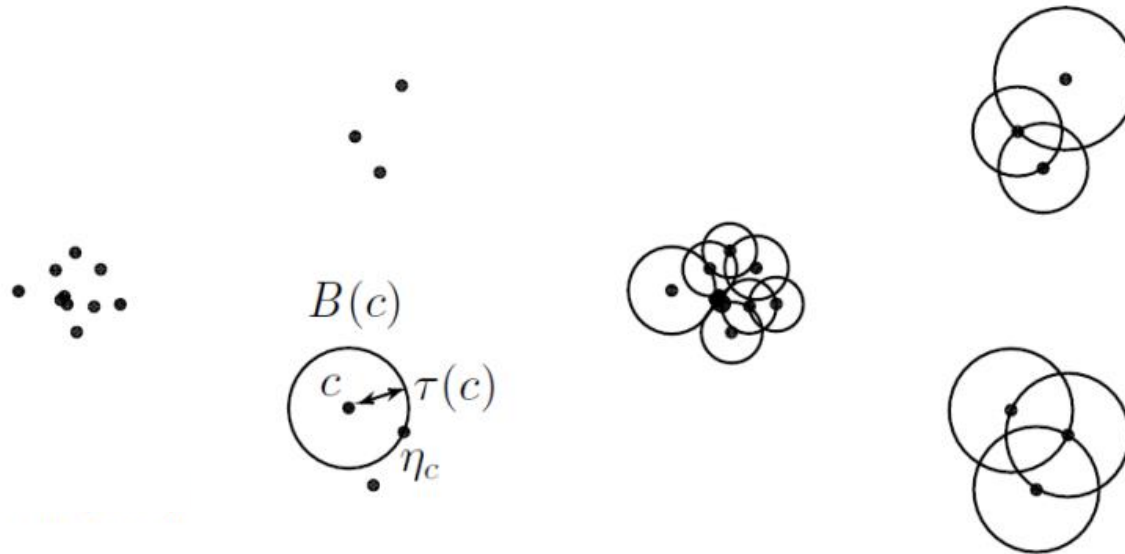
$$\left\{ \left\{ B(c) : c \in \mathcal{S}_i \right\} : i = 1, \dots, t \right\}$$

[Bandaragoda et al, 2018]

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# INNE idea

- Sample  $S$  is selected randomly from the given dataset
- Ball  $B(c)$  is created centering each  $c \in S$
- Radius  $\tau(c) = ||c - \eta_c||$   
 $\eta_c$  is the nearest neighbour of  $c$  where  $c, \eta_c \in S$



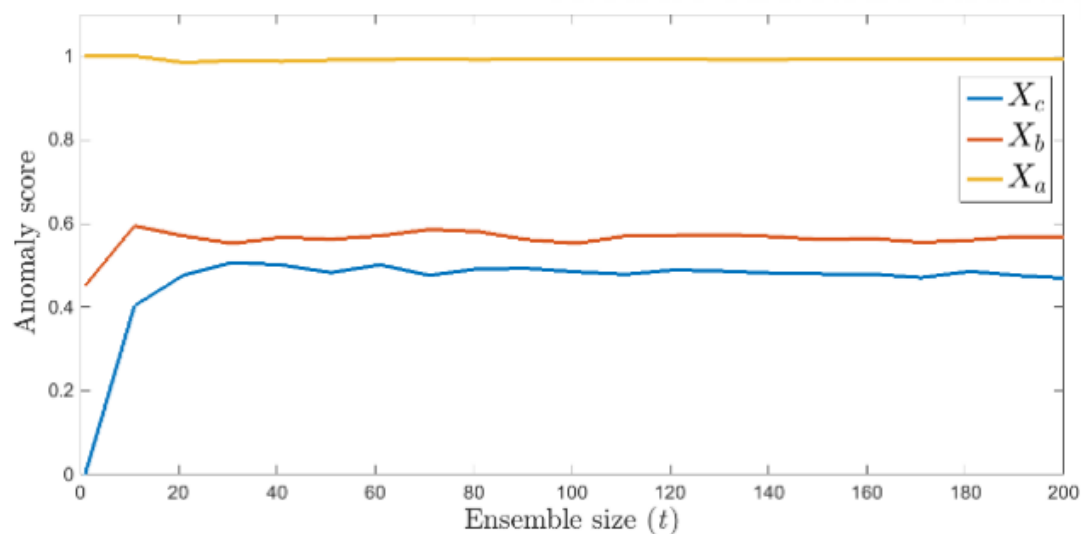
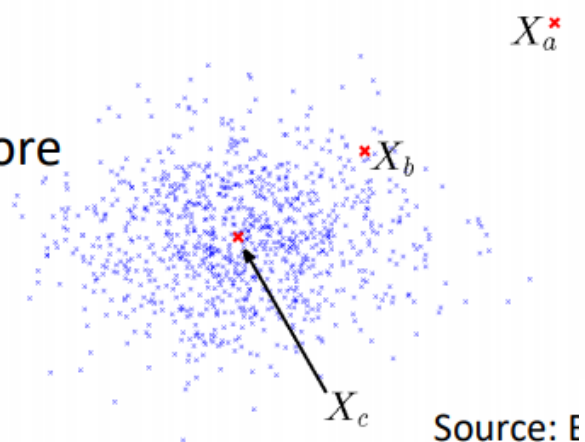
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# Example

- $X_a$  has the maximum anomaly score
- $X_b$  has a lower anomaly score
- $X_c$  has the lowest anomaly score



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## Classic approach revisited

- A sample  $D = \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is given, each  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .
- Construct models

$$\hat{x}_1 = f_1(x_2, x_3, \dots, x_d),$$

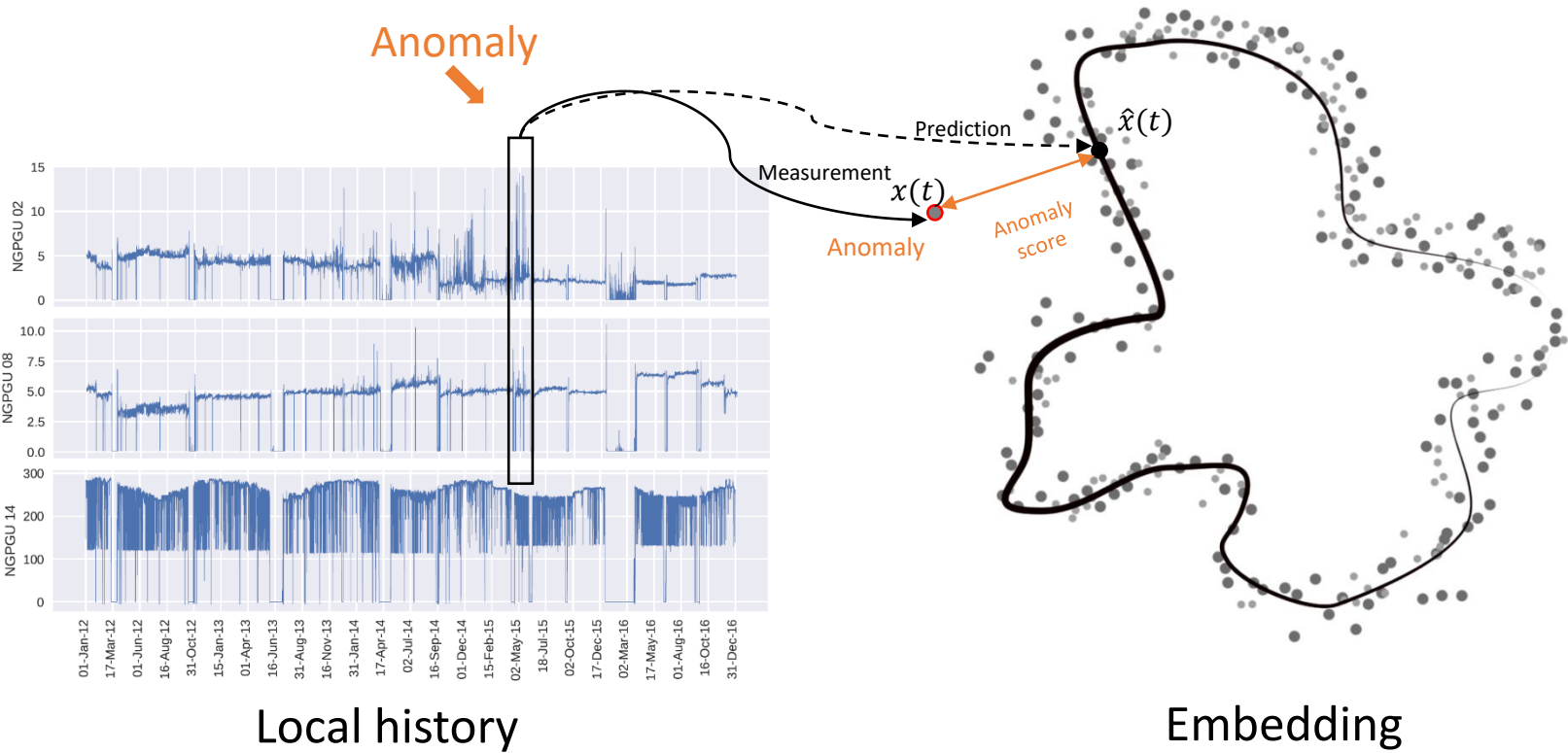
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$$\hat{x}_d = f_d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{d-1}).$$

- We have  $d$  anomaly scores for  $\mathbf{x} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d\}$ :

$$s_i(\mathbf{x}) = |\hat{x}_i - x_i|, i = \overline{1, d}.$$

# Unsupervised anomaly detection. General approach





# Structured data anomaly detection

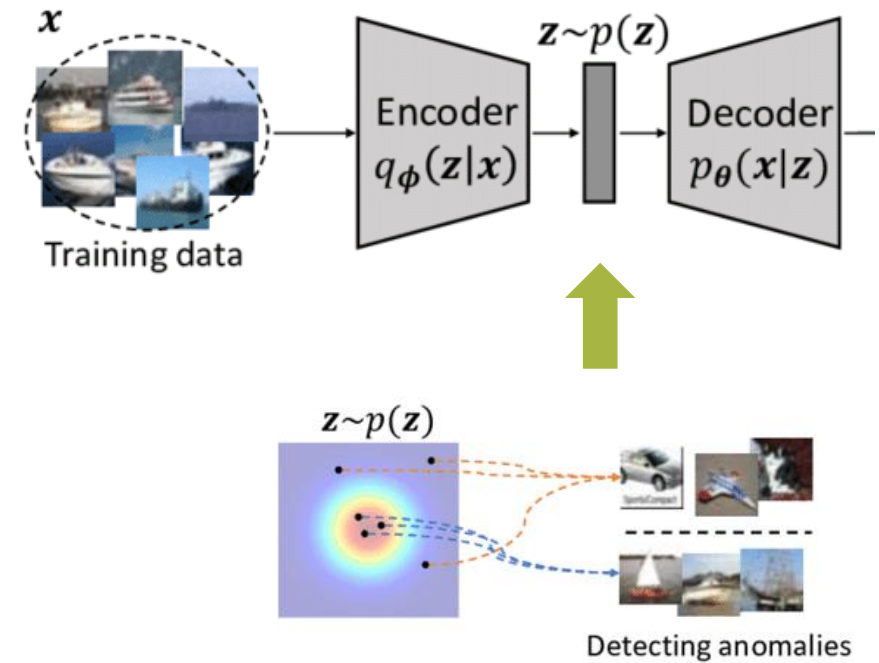
# Unsupervised anomaly detection. General approach

- A sample  $D = \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is given, each  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .
- Construct encoder and decoder model

$$\mathbf{z}_i = e(\mathbf{x}_i),$$
$$\mathbf{x}_i \approx \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i = d(\mathbf{z}_i) = d(e(\mathbf{x}_i)).$$

- We have an anomaly score  $s(\mathbf{x})$  for any  $\mathbf{x}$ :

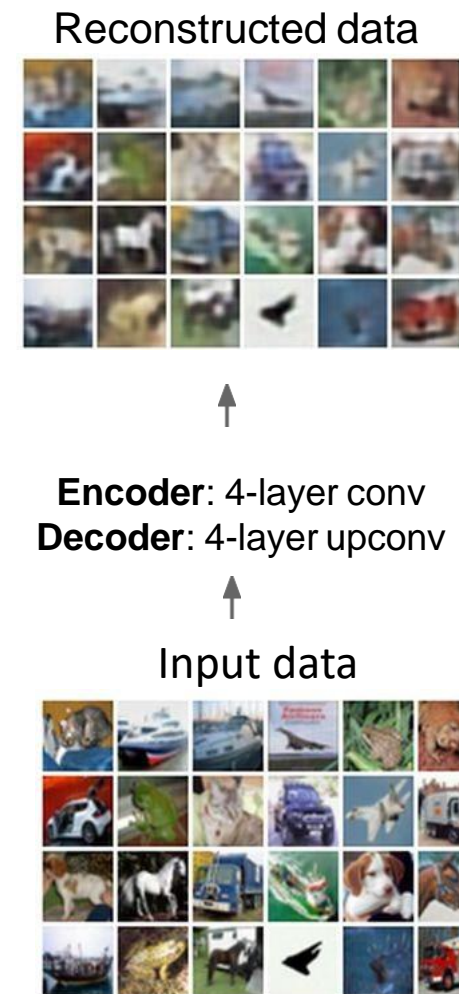
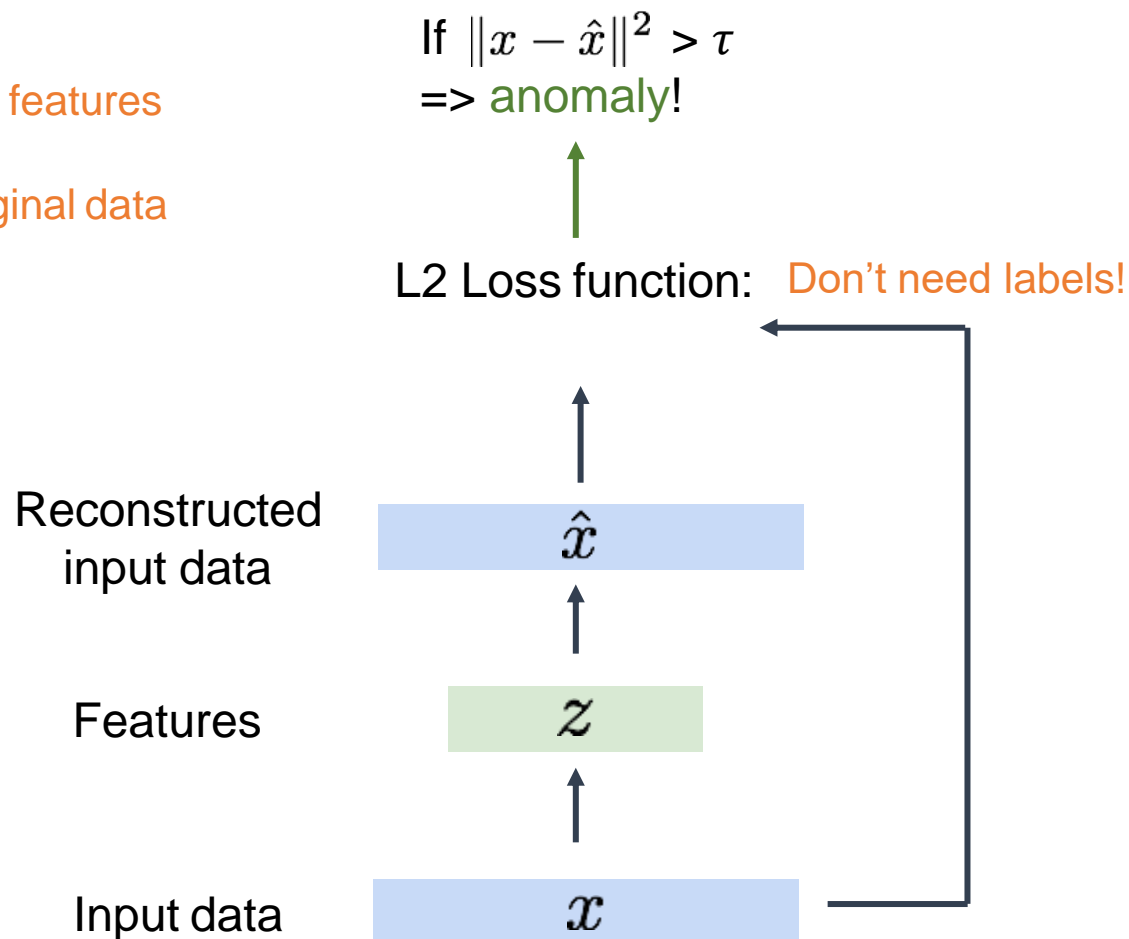
$$s(\mathbf{x}) = \|\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i - \mathbf{x}_i\|.$$



Encoder, decoder examples: PCA, Autoencoder

# Autoencoder. General idea

Train such that features  
can be used to  
reconstruct original data



Slides were adapted from lecture by Fei-Fei Li & Justin Johnson & Serena Yeung



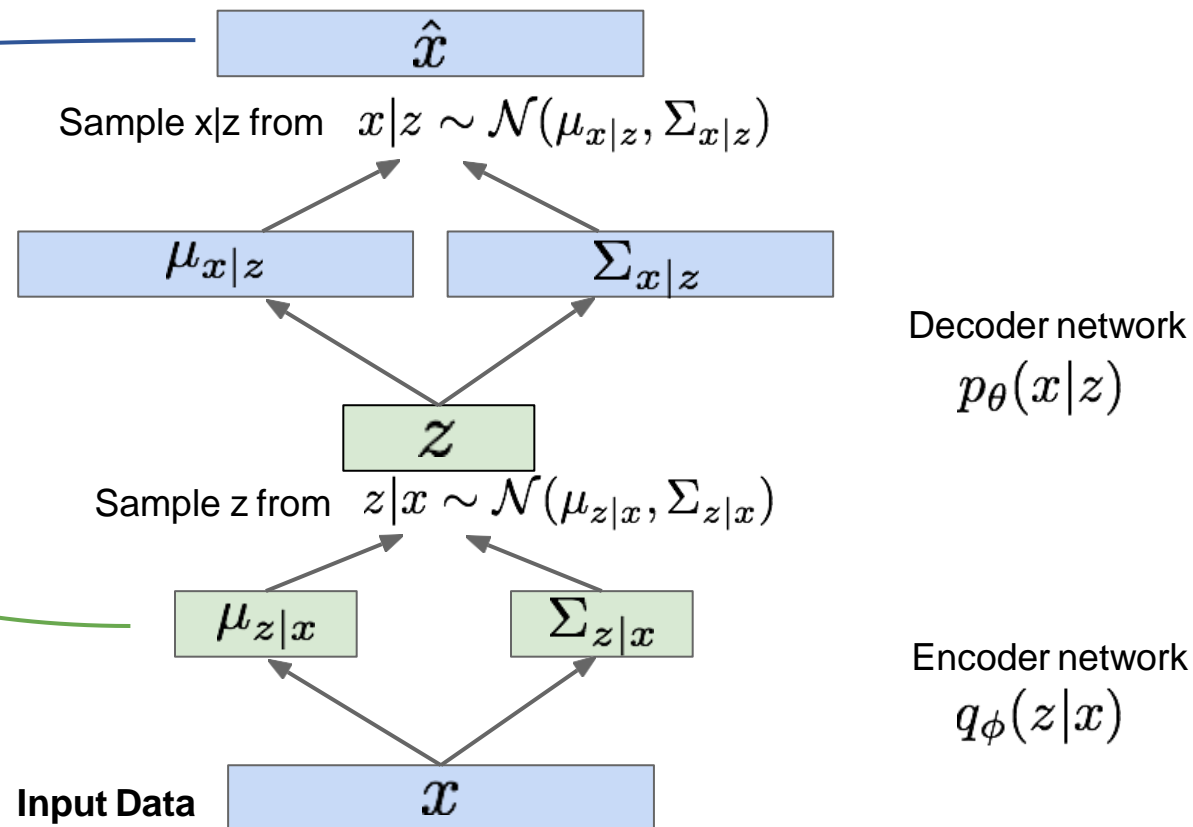
# Variational Autoencoder

We maximize the likelihood lower bound

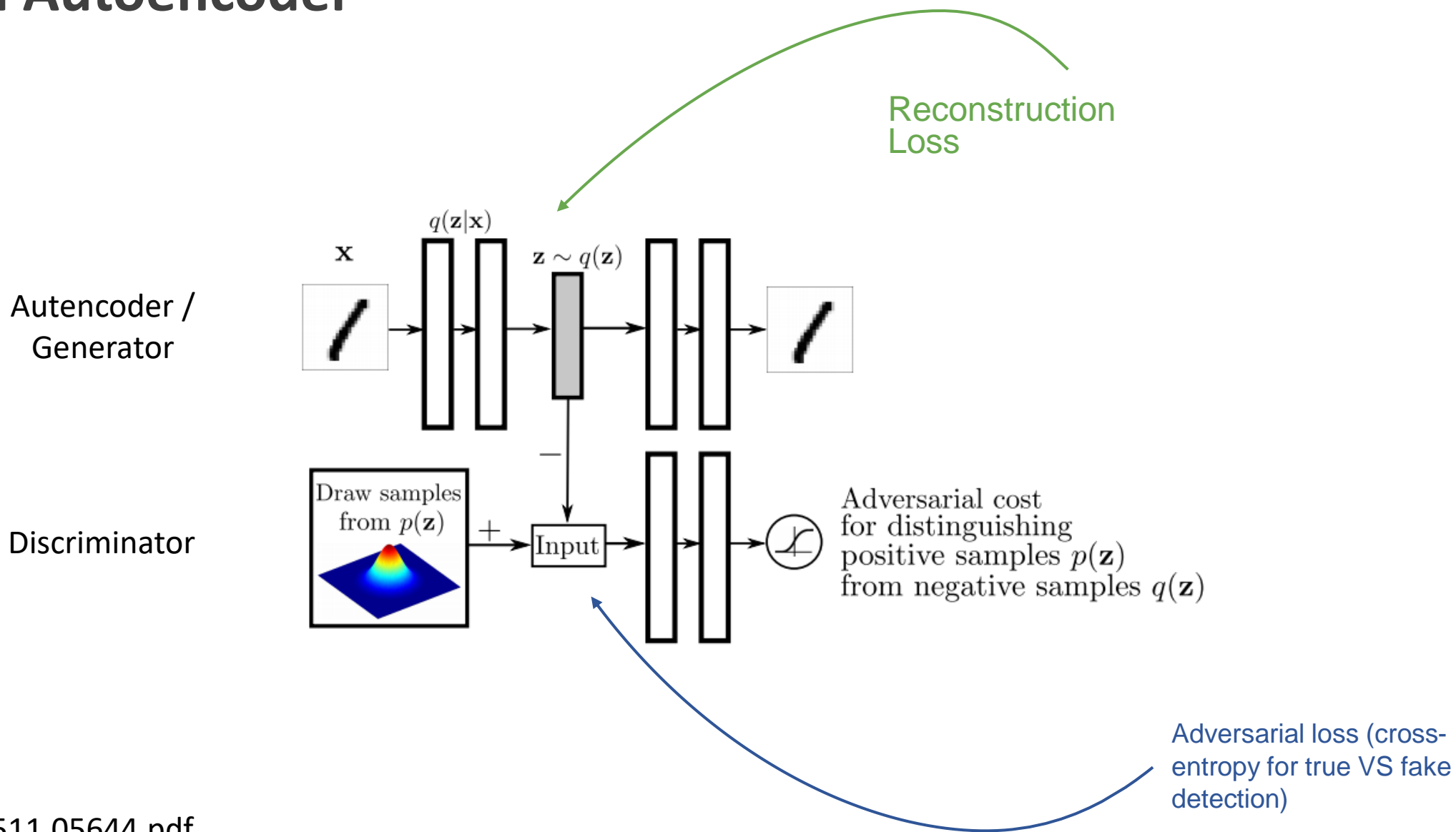
Maximize likelihood of original input being reconstructed

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{E}_z \left[ \log p_\theta(x^{(i)} | z) \right] - D_{KL}(q_\phi(z | x^{(i)}) || p_\theta(z))}_{\mathcal{L}(x^{(i)}, \theta, \phi)}$$

Make approximate posterior distribution close to prior



# Adversarial Autoencoder

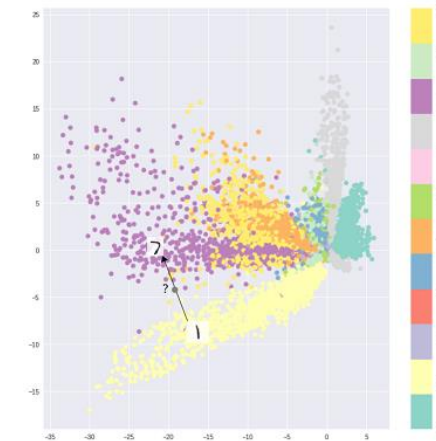


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# Taxonomy of autoencoders

- **Just autoencoder**

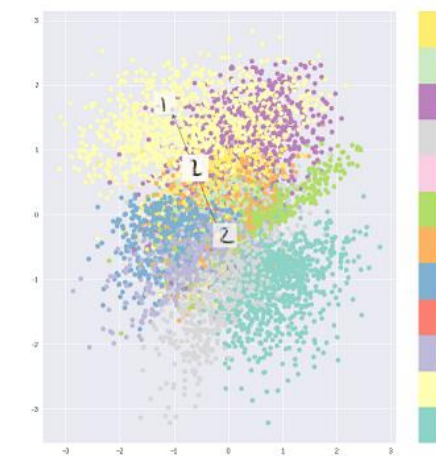
Sometimes we need just nonlinear PCA  
The latent space may not be continuous  
or allow easy interpolation.



AE

- **Variational autoencoder**

If you want precise control over your latent representations and what you would like them to represent, then choose VAE. Sometimes, precise modeling can capture better representations



VAE



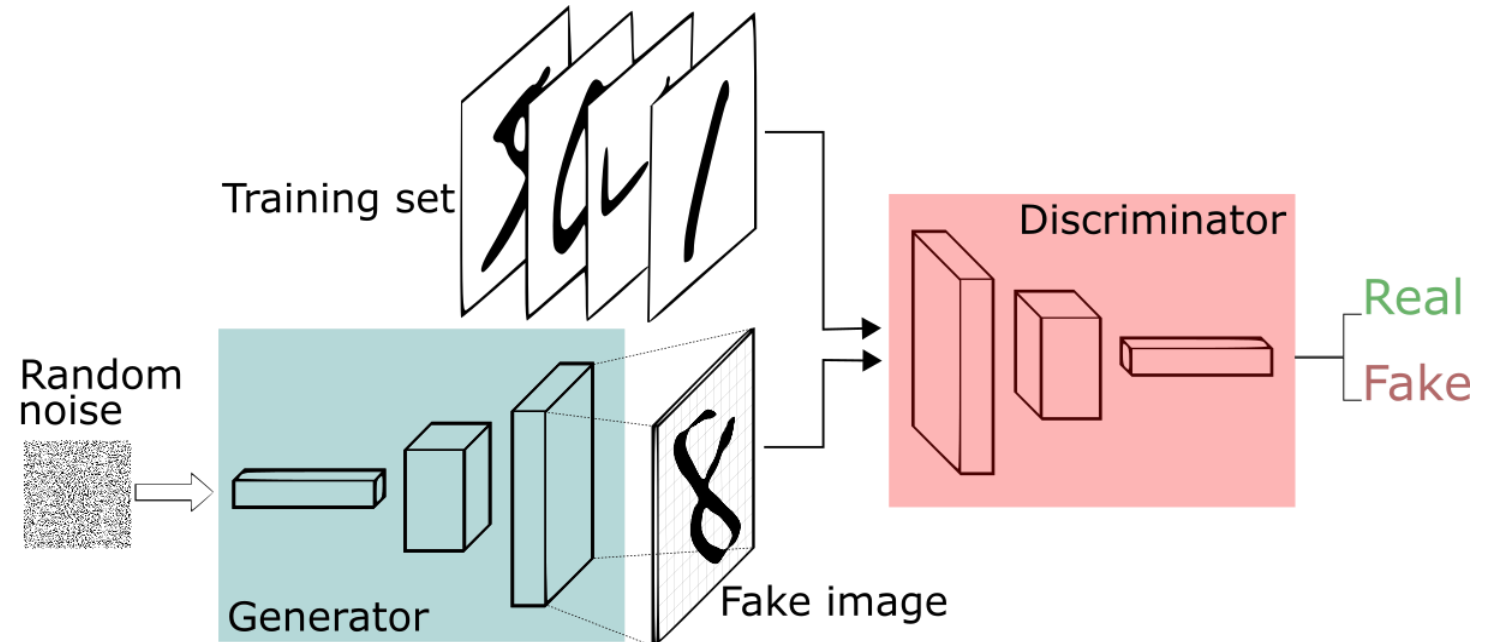
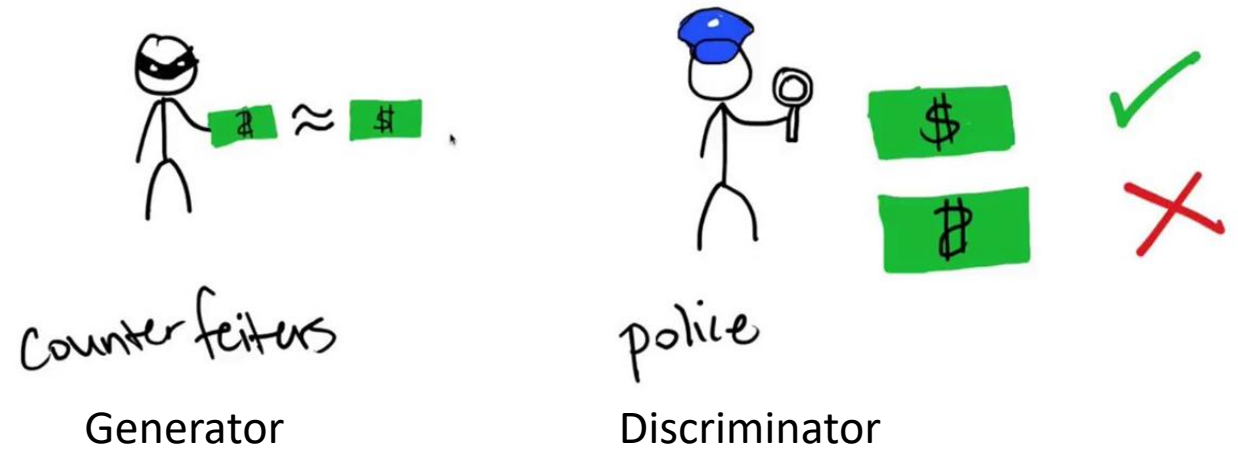
# GANs for Anomaly Detection

# Generative Adversarial Network

**Generator network:** try to fool the discriminator by generating real-looking images

**Discriminator network:** try to distinguish between real and fake images

Train jointly in **minimax game!**



# Generative Adversarial Network: formulas

Minimax objective function:

$$\min_{\theta_g} \max_{\theta_d} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}} \log D_{\theta_d}(x) + \mathbb{E}_{z \sim p(z)} \log(1 - D_{\theta_d}(G_{\theta_g}(z))) \right]$$

Discriminator outputs likelihood in (0,1) of real image

Discriminator output for real data x      Discriminator output for generated fake data G(z)

- *Discriminator* with parameters  $\theta_d$  wants to **maximize objective** such that  $D(x)$  is close to 1 (real) and  $D(G(z))$  is close to 0 (fake)
- *Generator* with parameters  $\theta_g$  wants to **minimize objective** such that  $D(G(z))$  is close to 1: the discriminator is fooled into thinking generated  $G(z)$  is real

# GAN: example for novelty detection

The model is trained using images of penguins



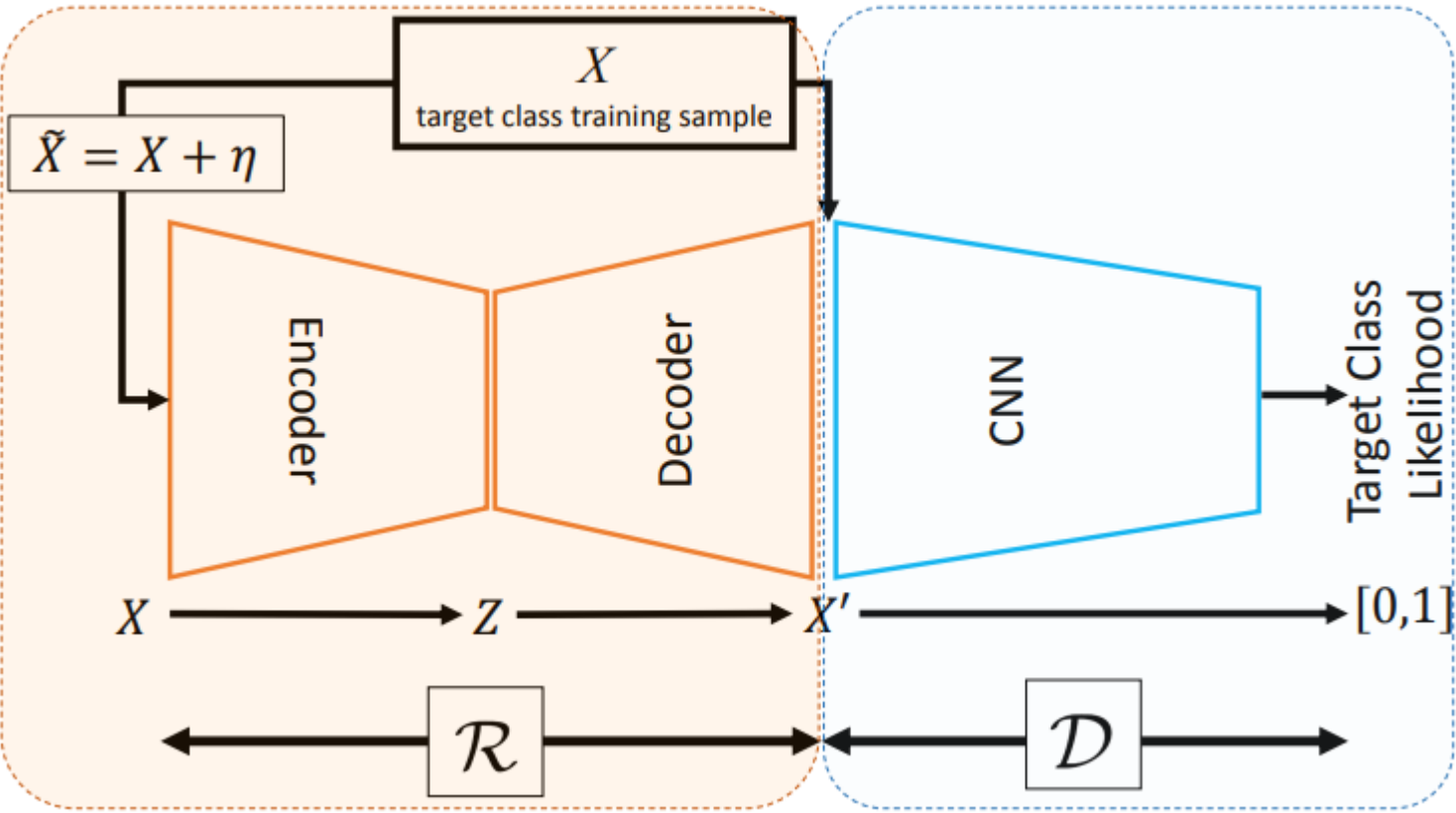
- If we use noisy inliers and pass them to “autoencoder”  $\mathcal{R}$  NN, we get enhanced images as the output
- If we use outlier sample instead, the output of  $\mathcal{R}$  is distorted

	Noisy Inlier Samples		Outlier Samples	
$X$				
$\mathcal{R}(X)$				
$\mathcal{D}(X)$	0.75	0.72	0.53	0.27
$\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{R}(X))$	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.91</b>	0.25	0.10

M. Sabokrou et al. *Adversarially Learned One-Class Classifier for Novelty Detection*, CVPR, 2018

# GAN: example for novelty detection

Architecture



Autoencoder generator

Discriminator gives anomaly score

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{R}+\mathcal{D}} + \lambda \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{R}}$$

GAN loss

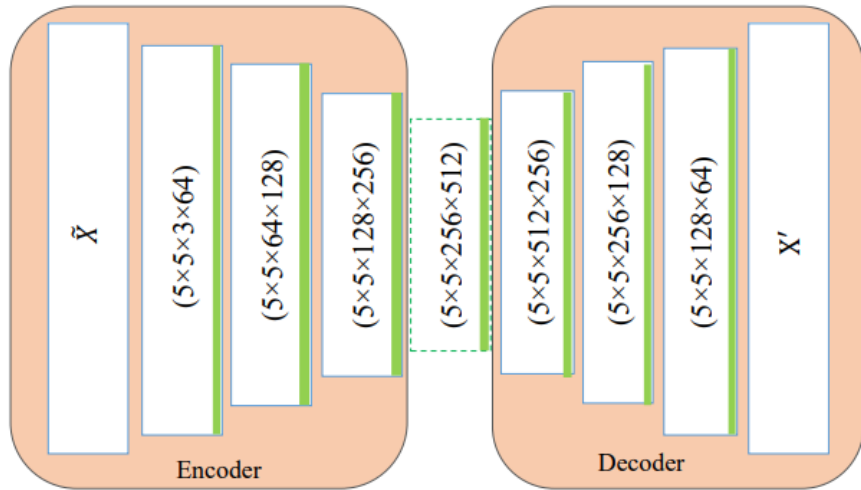
Adversarial training

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{R}} = \|X - X'\|^2$$

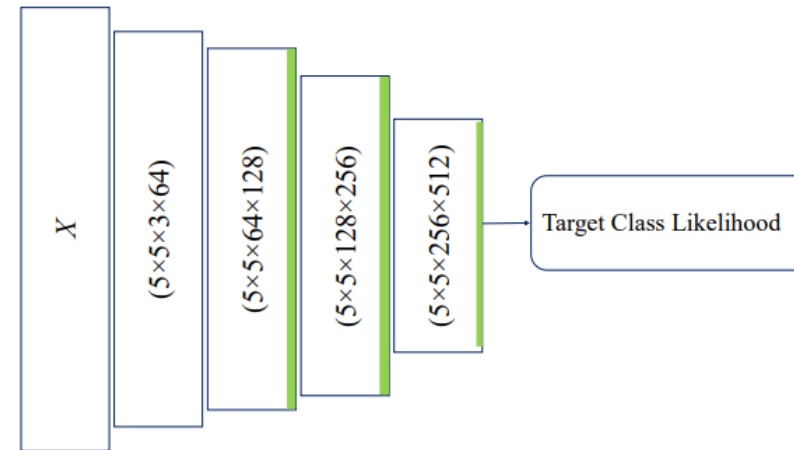
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# Internal architectures



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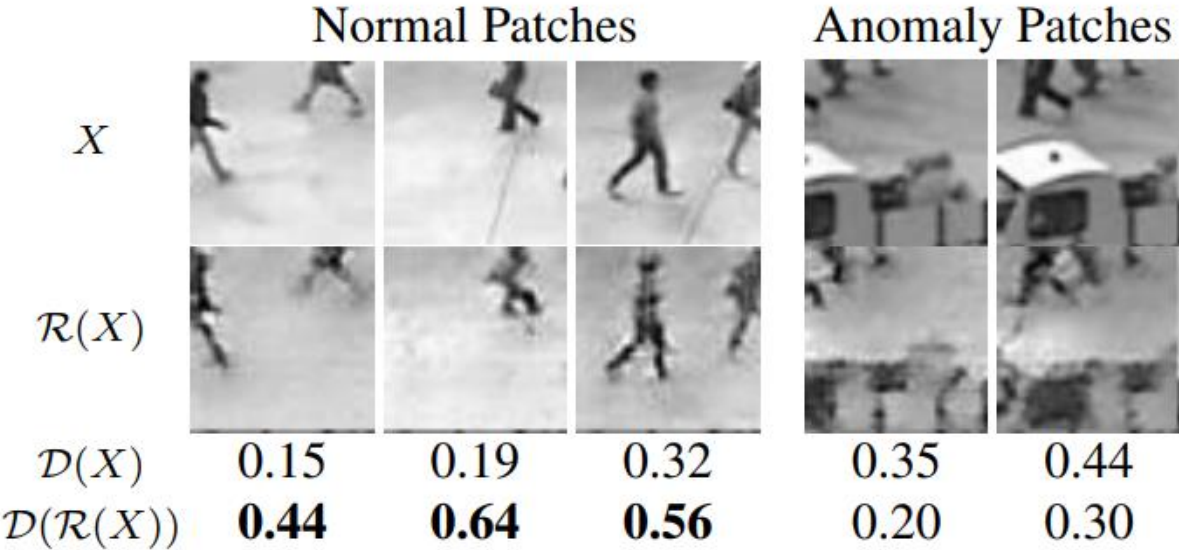
Anomaly score with state-of-the-art performance:

$$\text{OCC}_1(X) = \begin{cases} \text{Target Class} & \text{if } \mathcal{D}(X) > \tau, \\ \text{Novelty (Outlier)} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \text{PCA, VAE, AAE}$$

Anomaly score that utilizes encoder-decoder

$$\text{OCC}_2(X) = \begin{cases} \text{Target Class} & \text{if } \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{R}(X)) > \tau, \\ \text{Novelty (Outlier)} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

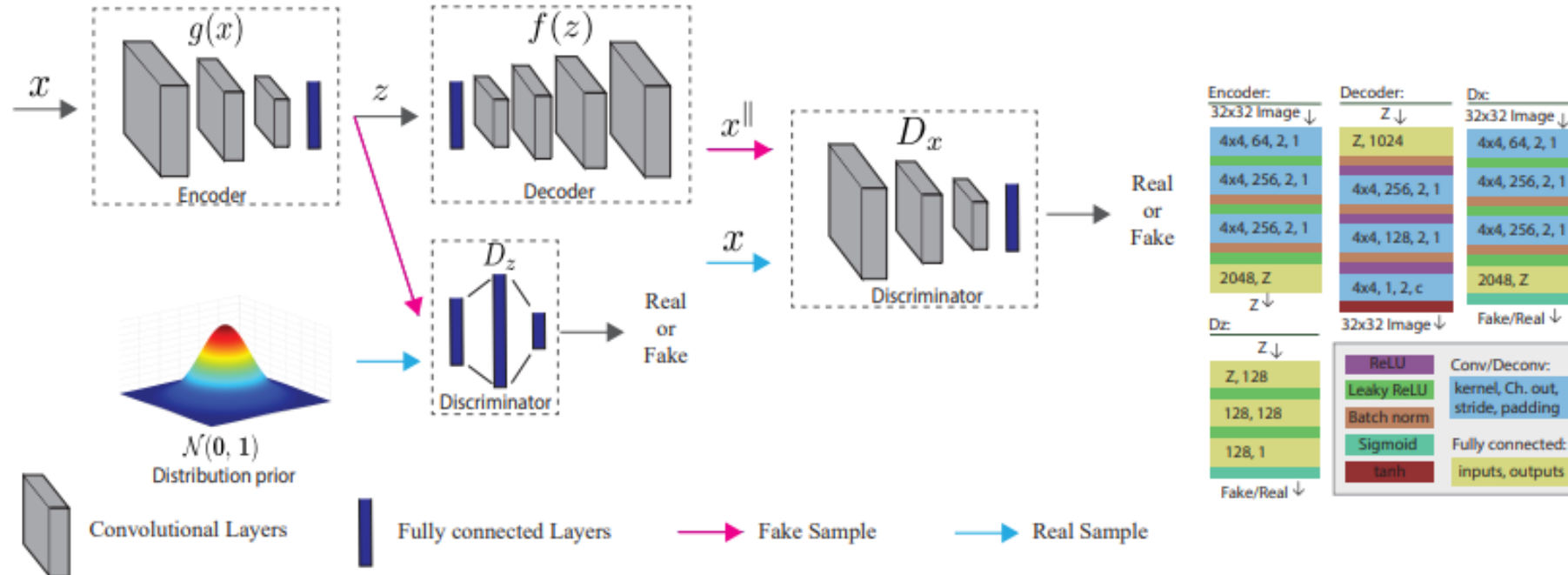
# Model quality



	CoP [32]	REAPER [22]	OutlierPursuit [50]	LRR [24]	DPCP [45]	R-graph [52]	Ours $\mathcal{D}(X)$	Ours $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{R}(X))$
AUC	0.905	0.816	0.837	0.907	0.783	<b>0.948</b>	0.932	0.942
$F_1$	0.880	0.808	0.823	0.893	0.785	0.914	0.916	<b>0.928</b>
AUC	0.676	0.796	0.788	0.479	0.798	0.929	0.930	<b>0.938</b>
$F_1$	0.718	0.784	0.779	0.671	0.777	0.880	0.902	<b>0.913</b>
AUC	0.487	0.657	0.629	0.337	0.676	0.913	0.913	<b>0.923</b>
$F_1$	0.672	0.716	0.711	0.667	0.715	0.858	0.890	<b>0.905</b>

# Adversarial autoencoders help

- Construct anomaly score  $s(x)$  using data
- Signal about anomaly if anomaly score is greater than some threshold  $t$

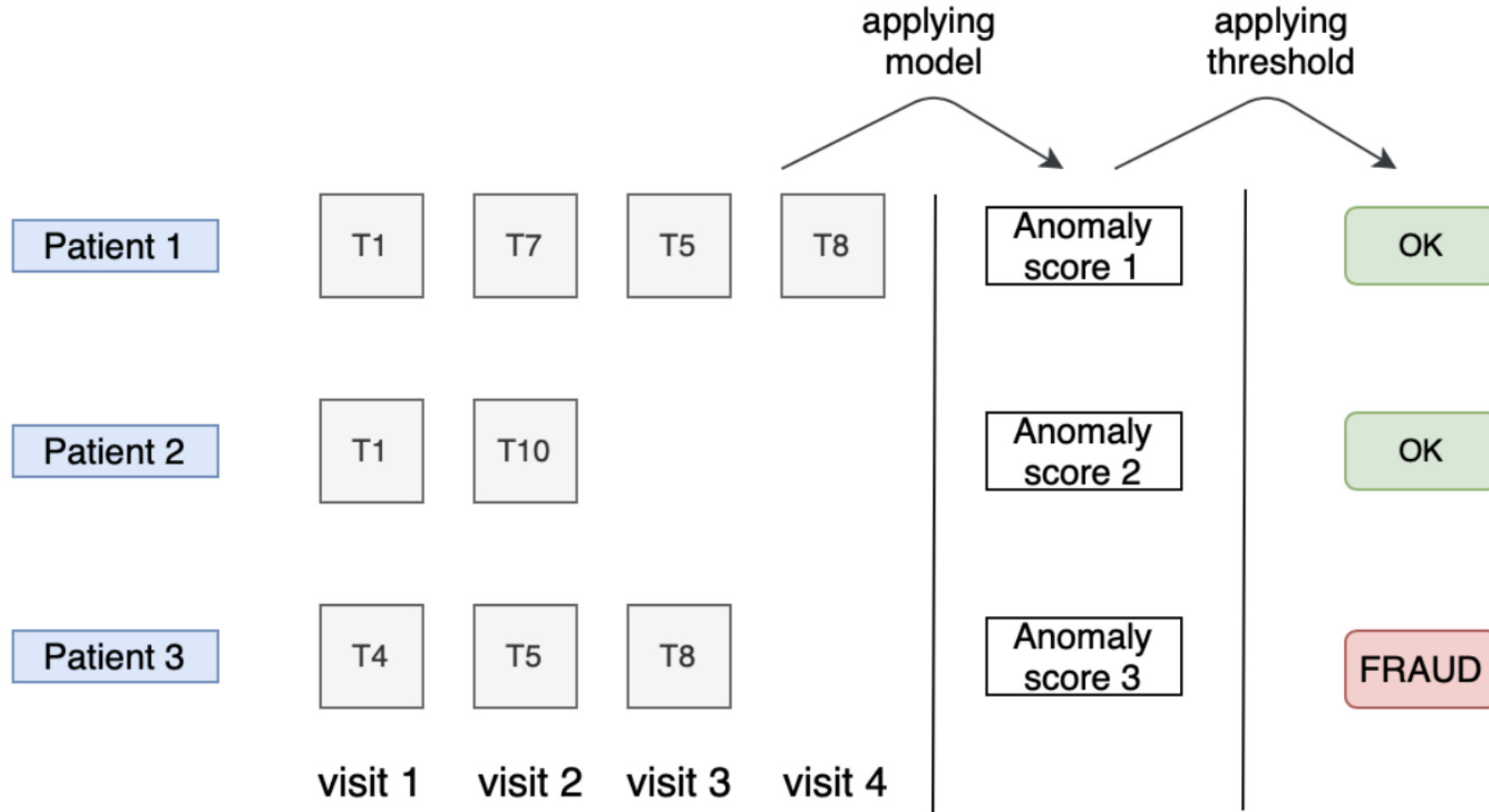


<https://papers.nips.cc/paper/7915-generative-probabilistic-novelty-detection-with-adversarial-autoencoders.pdf>

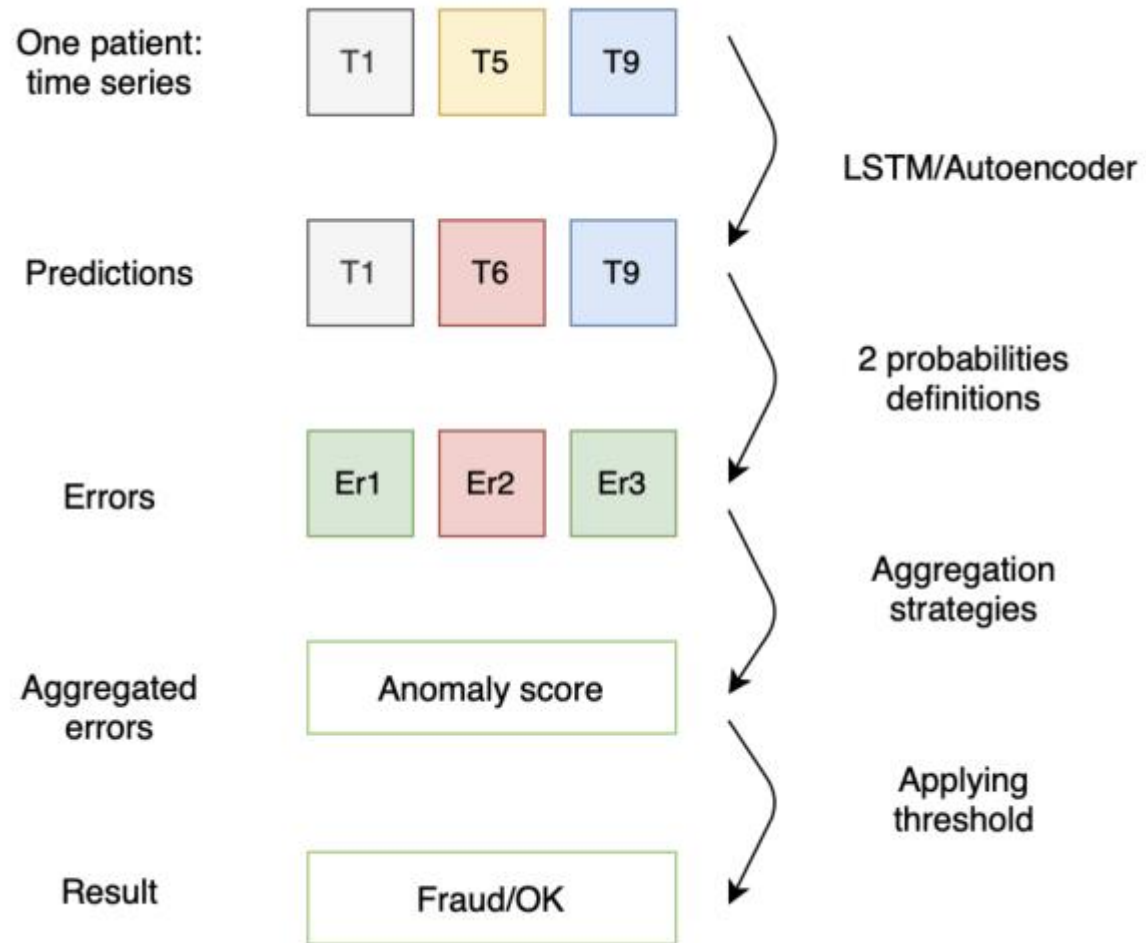


# Anomaly Detection for Time Series

# Anomaly detection for sequential data: healthcare insurance



# Anomaly detection for sequential data: healthcare insurance



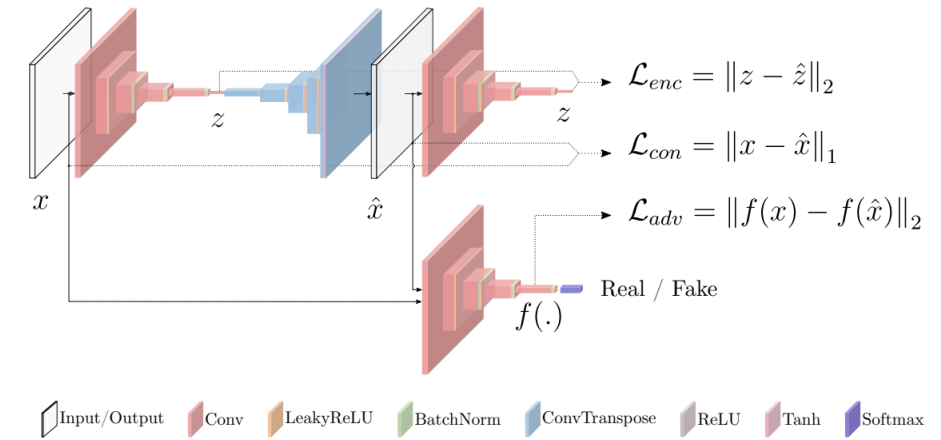
# Anomaly and novelty for Time Series

## Problems:

1. SotA techniques of anomaly detection are rarely used for classic time series
2. Available solutions don't take into account the statistical nature of Time Series

## Proposed solution:

1. To develop a loss function for GAN-based anomaly detection for time series
2. To take into account requirements of statistical change point detection models: low number of false alarms and small detection delay
3. To develop new resampling techniques by learning data distribution



*Li D. et al. MAD-GAN: Multivariate anomaly detection for time series data with generative adversarial networks // arXiv:1901.04997. – 2019.*



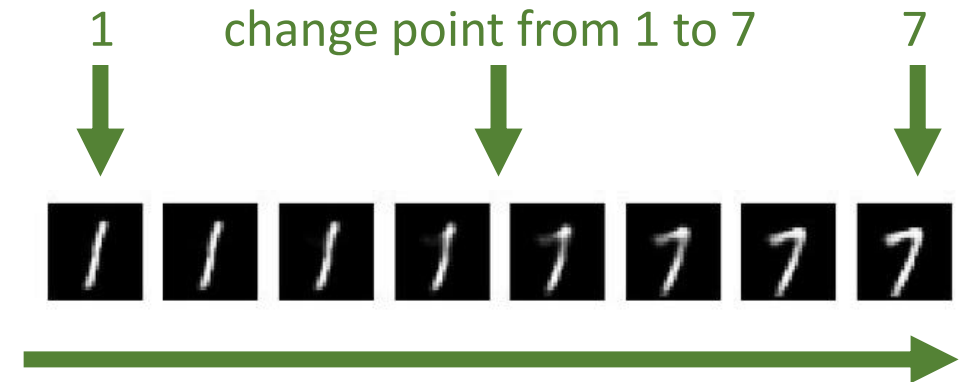
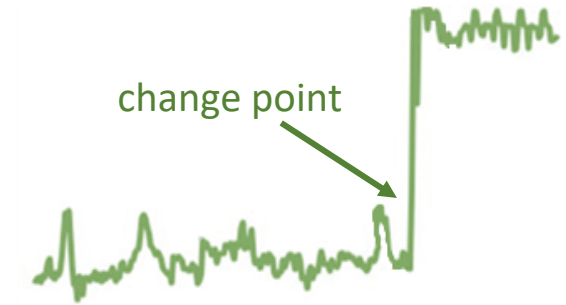
# Change detection in semi-structured data

**The change-point detection** (CPD) model signals about time of change in the data distribution

**Semi-structured data** – sequences of semi-structured data (images, texts)

**Goal:** minimize Detection Delay & minimize number of False Alarms

**Problems:** Can't apply classic method for semi-structured data

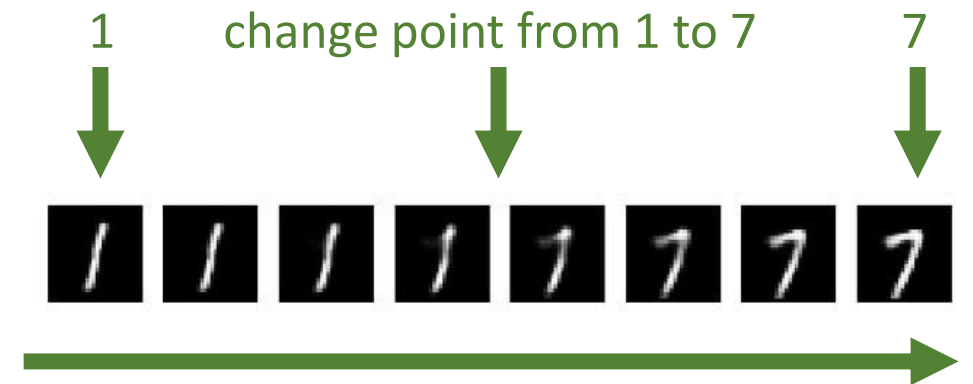
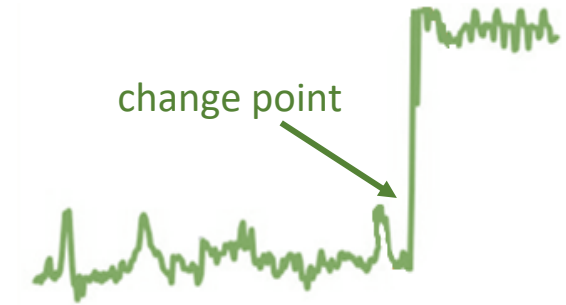


A sequence of MNIST images is an example of semi-structured data

# Change detection in semi-structured data

## Proposed solution:

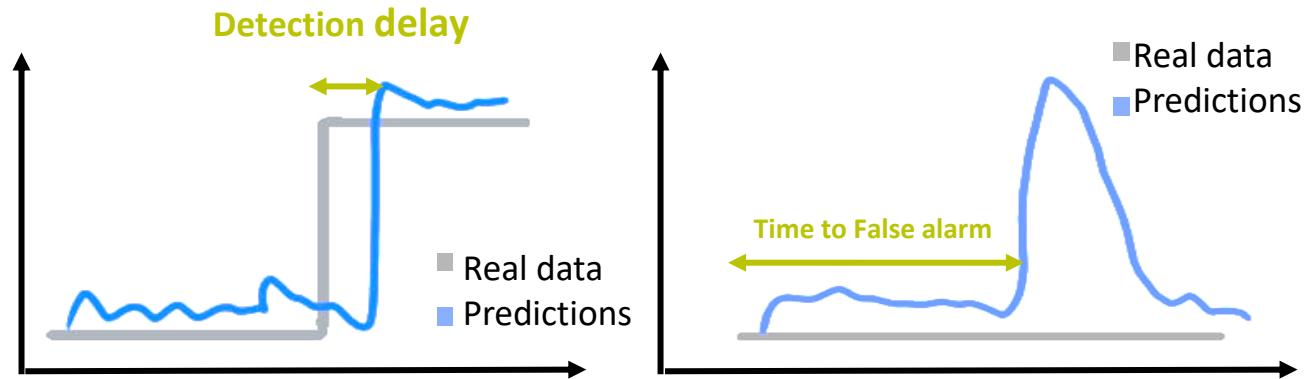
1. Develop a data embedding procedure
2. End2end methods based on statistical tests or detection outliers in embedded space – unsupervised anomaly detection
3. Develop new loss function for direct minimization of the problem specific metrics



A sequence of MNIST images is an example of semi-structured data

# Our end2end approach

We concentrate on typical quality metrics for change-point detection: delay detection and mean time to False alarm.



We optimize lower bounds for these metrics:

- $p_k$  is the model's change point probability at moment  $k$ ,
- $T$  – hyperparameter that restricts the length of the considered sequence.

$$Loss_{detection\_delay} = \sum_{t=\theta}^T (t - \theta) p_t \prod_{k=\theta}^{t-1} (1 - p_k) + (T + 1) \prod_{k=\theta}^T (1 - p_k),$$

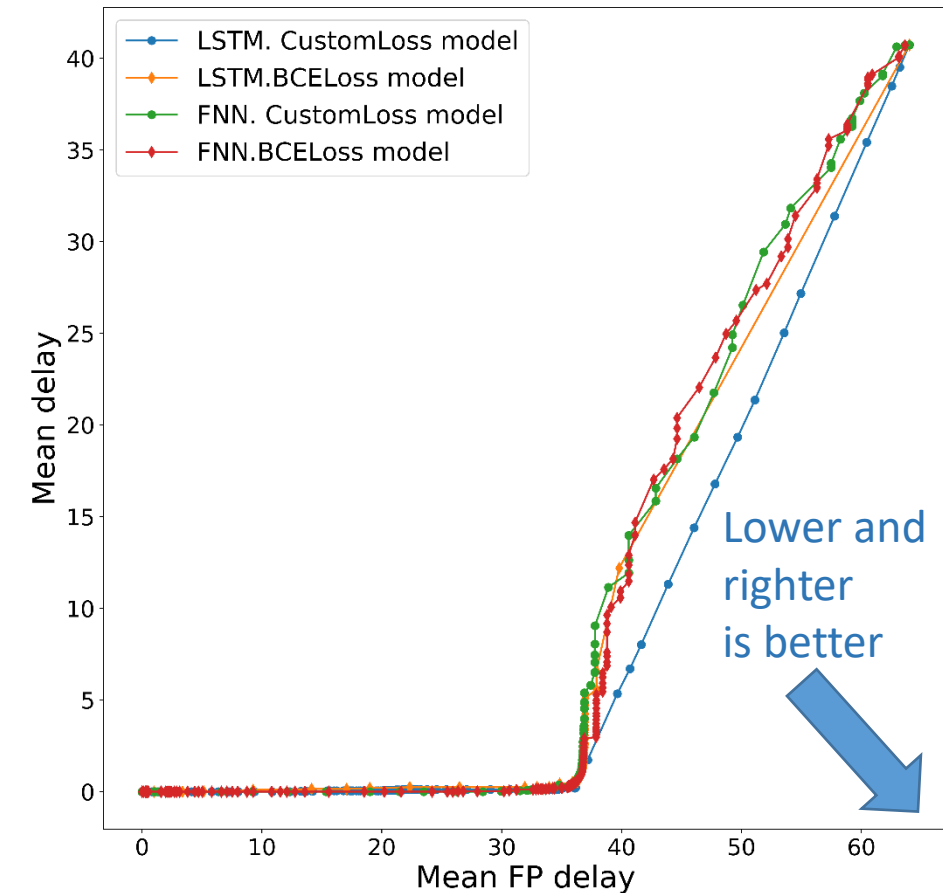
$$Loss_{FP\_delay} = 1 - \sum_{t=0}^{\theta} (t - \theta) p_t \prod_{k=0}^{\theta} (1 - p_k)$$

# Results

**Dataset:** sequences with images from MNIST. There are sequences with (e.g. from 1 to 7) and without (e.g. from 1 to 1) change point.

We compare LSTM and fully connected neural network (FNN) architectures, as well as binary cross entropy loss (BCELoss) and our proposed loss.

**LSTM with proposed loss function** has a better Pareto frontier with respect to the mean detection delay and the mean false positive delay.



# Future work

- Try proposed approach for other datasets of semi-structured data
- Consider different neural network architectures for processing of semi-structured sequential data
- Combine representation learning and statistical change point detection procedures

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# Factors to consider when choosing an Anomaly Detector

- Few parameters
  - parameter-free the best
  - easy to tune; not too sensitive to parameter setting
- Fast runtime: can scale up to large datasets and high dimensional datasets
- Low space complexity
- Known behaviours under different data properties
- Can deal with different types of anomalies
- Its ability to deal with high dimensional problems
- Understand the nature of anomalies and the best match algorithm

[https://federation.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/443666/ICDM2018-Tutorial-Final.pdf](https://federation.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/443666/ICDM2018-Tutorial-Final.pdf)

# Take-home messages

- Anomaly detection is a challenging problem
- Often problem-specific knowledge helps
- Common approaches are Autoencoder-based and Isolation forest
- There are some time-series specific approaches: the problem is similar to the change point detection problem



# More references?

See

- Overview of anomaly detection for tabular data  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=12Xq9OLdQwQ>
- A collection of *awesome* anomaly detection papers  
<https://awesomeopensource.com/project/hoya012/awesome-anomaly-detection>
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<https://github.com/yzhao062/anomaly-detection-resources>
- Link-based list of anomaly detection methods  
<https://github.com/zhuyiche/awesome-anomaly-detection>