

# Anomaly Detection: Local Outlier Factor (LOF)

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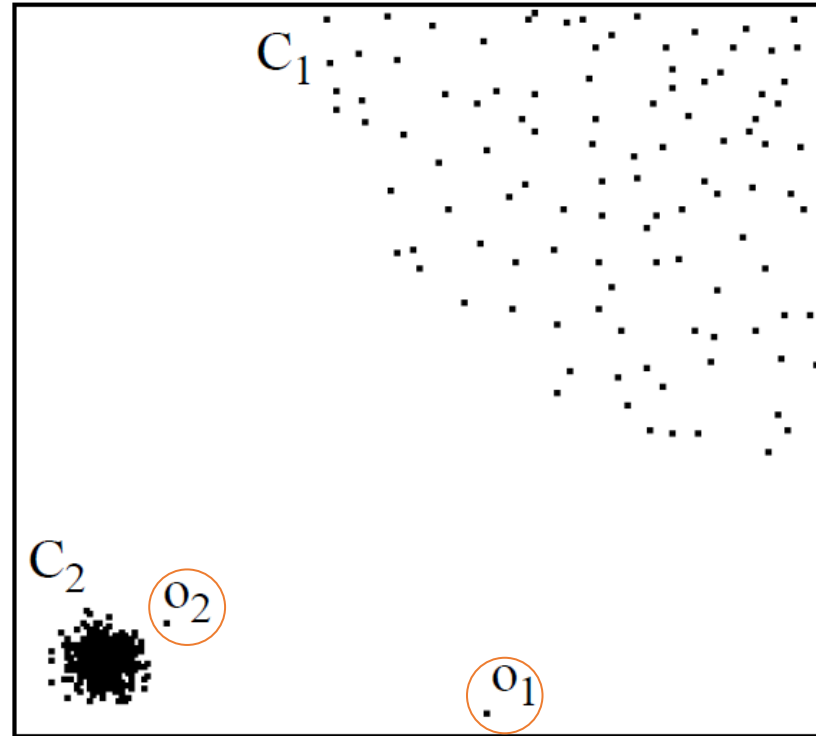
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- Motivation

- ✓ Compute the novelty score of an instance by considering local density around it



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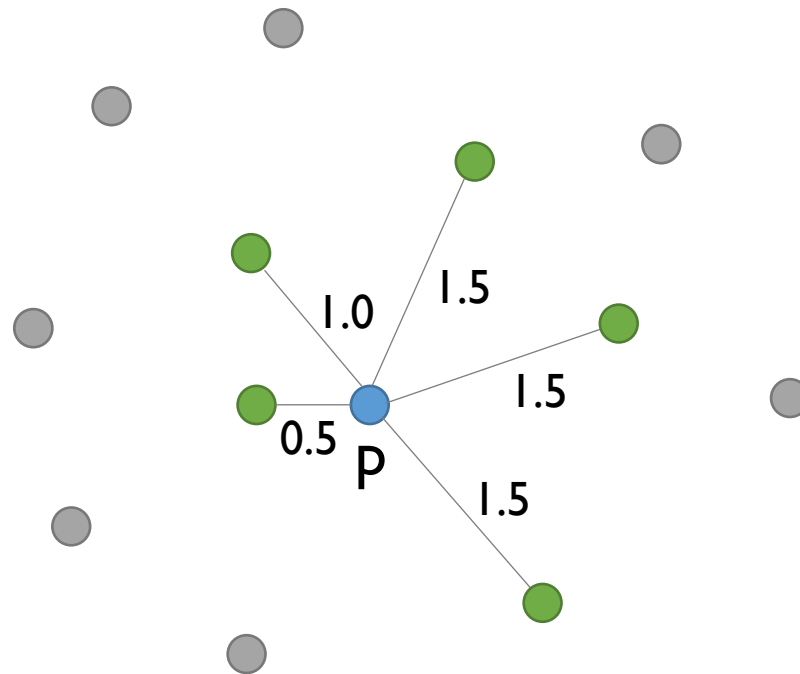
- ✓ **Definition 1:** k-distance of an object p

- For any positive integer k, the k-distance of object p, denoted as  $k\text{-distance}(p)$ , is defined as the distance  $d(p,o)$  between p and an object o in D such that
- for **at least k** objects  $o'$  in  $D \setminus \{p\}$  it holds that  $d(p, o') \leq d(p, o)$
- for **at most k-1** objects  $o'$  in  $D \setminus \{p\}$  it holds that  $d(p, o') < d(p, o)$
- Simply it is the distance to the k-th nearest neighbor considering ties.

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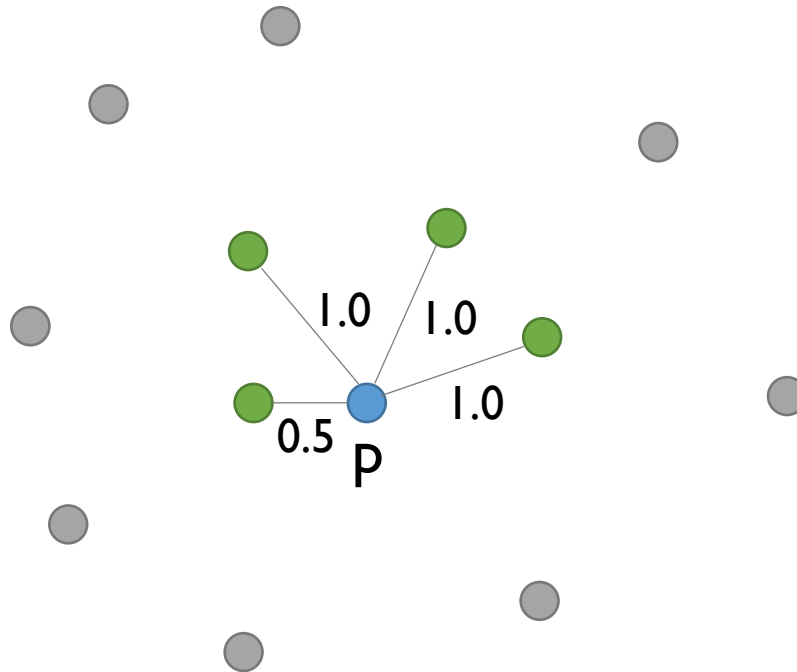


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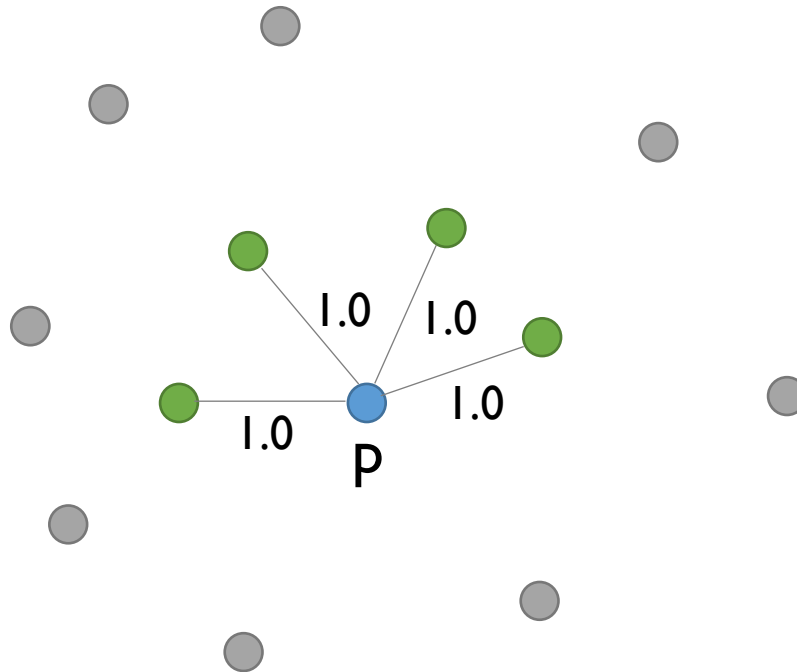


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✓ **Definition 2:** k-distance neighborhood of an object p

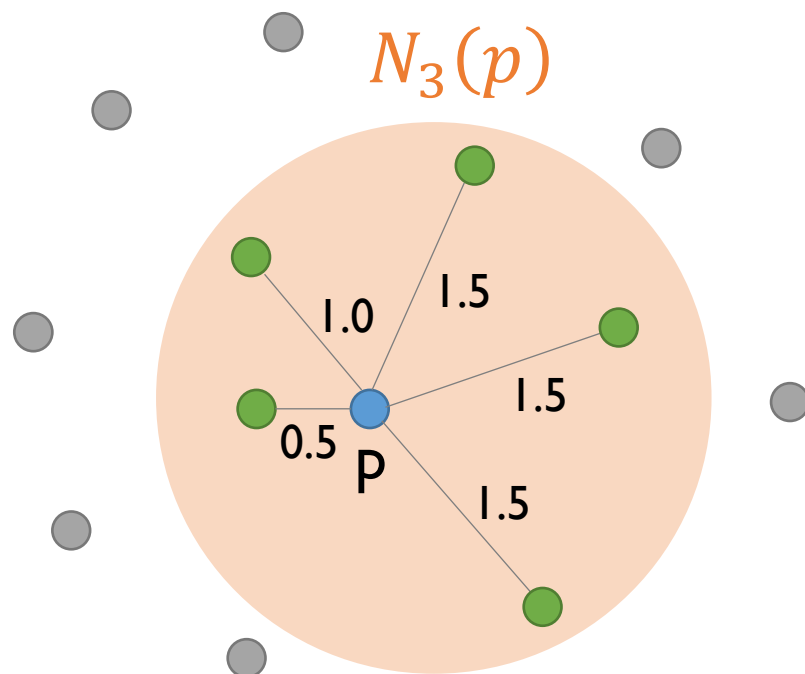
- Given the k-distance of p, the k-distance neighborhood of p contains every object whose distance from p is not greater than the k-distance

$$N_k(p) = \{q \in D \setminus \{p\} \mid d(p, q) \leq k - \text{distance}(p)\}$$

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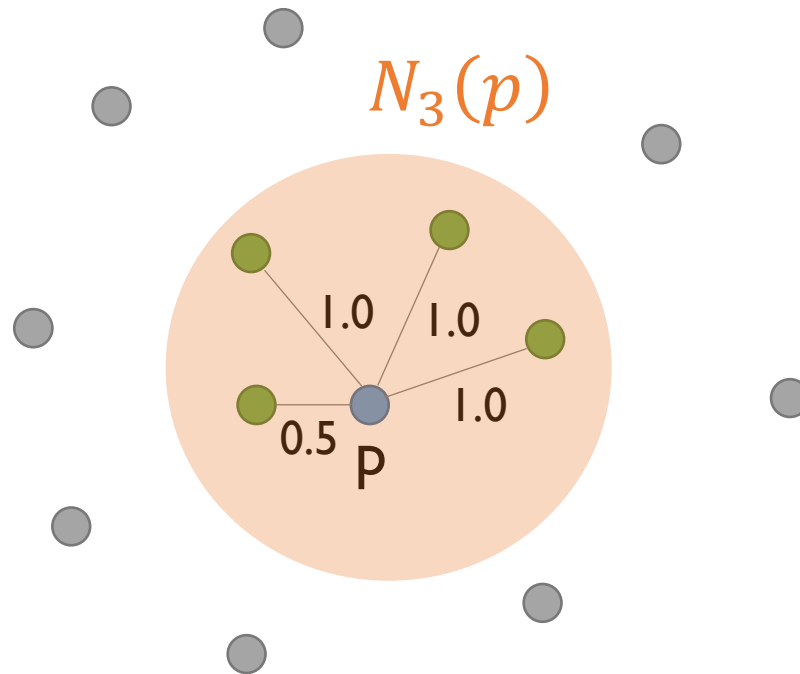
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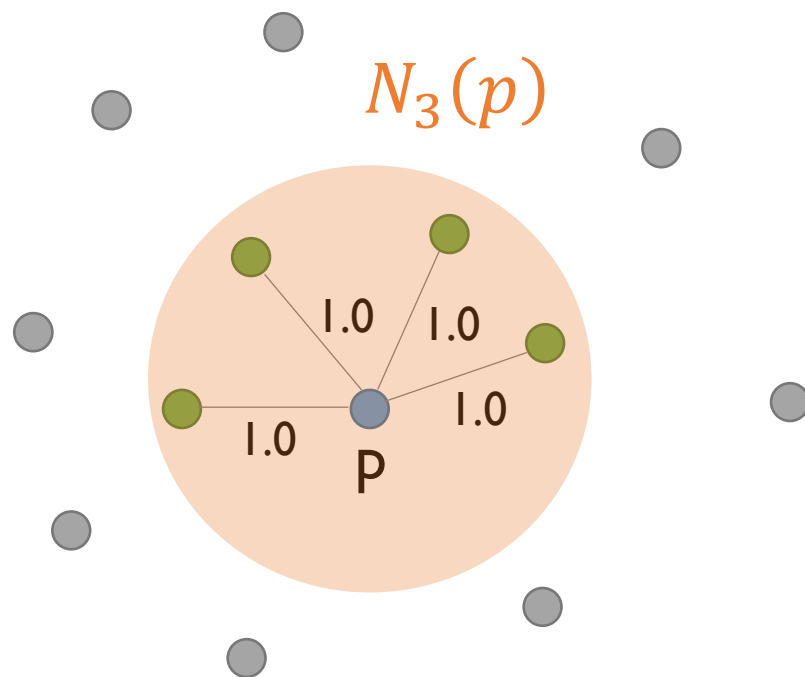


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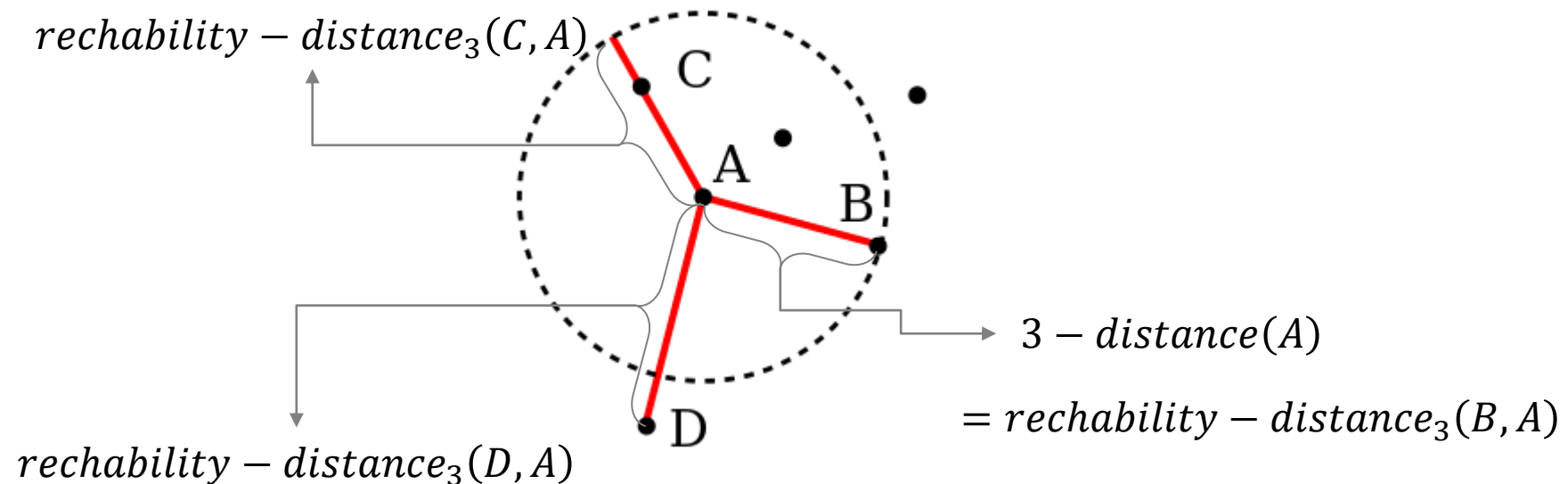
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- ✓ Definition 3: reachability distance

- $reachability\_distance_k(p, o) = \max\{k - distance(o), d(p, o)\}$
- Examples



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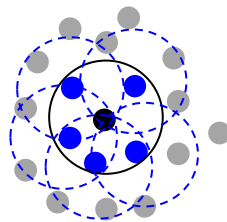
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✓ **Definition 4:** local reachability density of an object  $p$

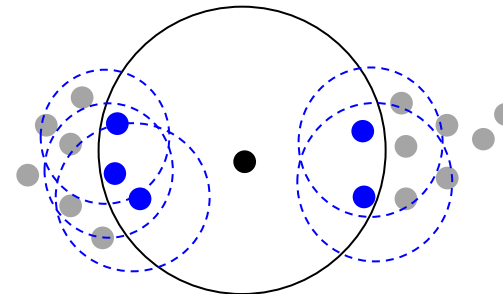
$$lrd_k(p) = \frac{|N_k(p)|}{\sum_{o \in N_k(p)} reachability - distance_k(p, o)}$$

- Case 1:  $p$  is located in the middle of a denser area: the denominator of  $lrd_k(p)$  becomes small, which results in a large  $lrd_k(p)$
- Case 2:  $p$  is located in a sparse area between two dense data clusters: the denominator of  $lrd_k(p)$  becomes large, which results in a small  $lrd_k(p)$

Case 1



Case 2

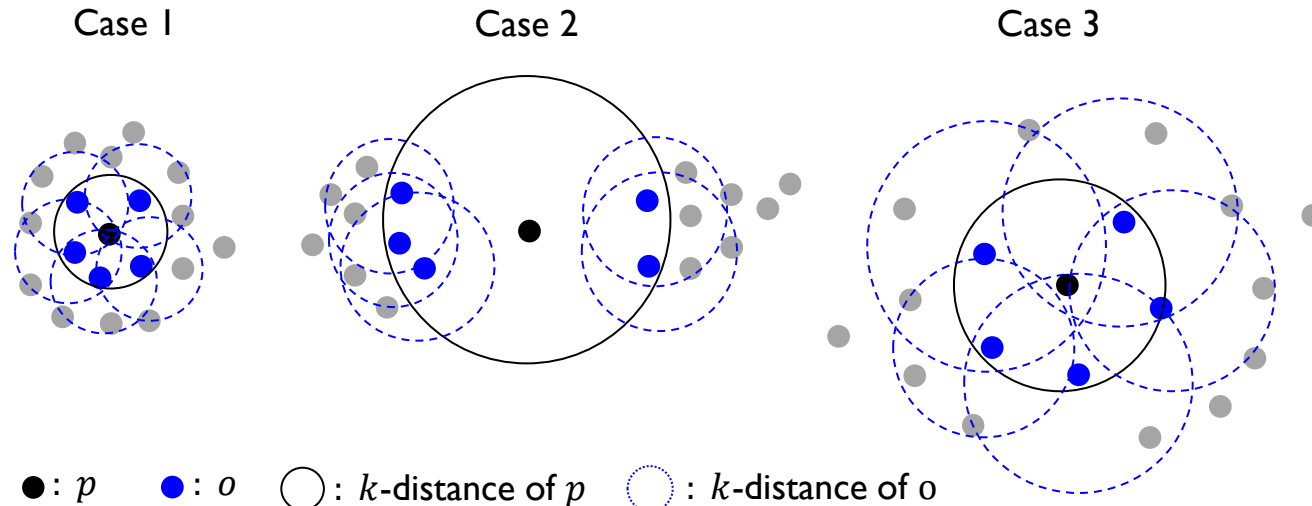


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✓ **Definition 5:** local outlier factor of an object  $p$

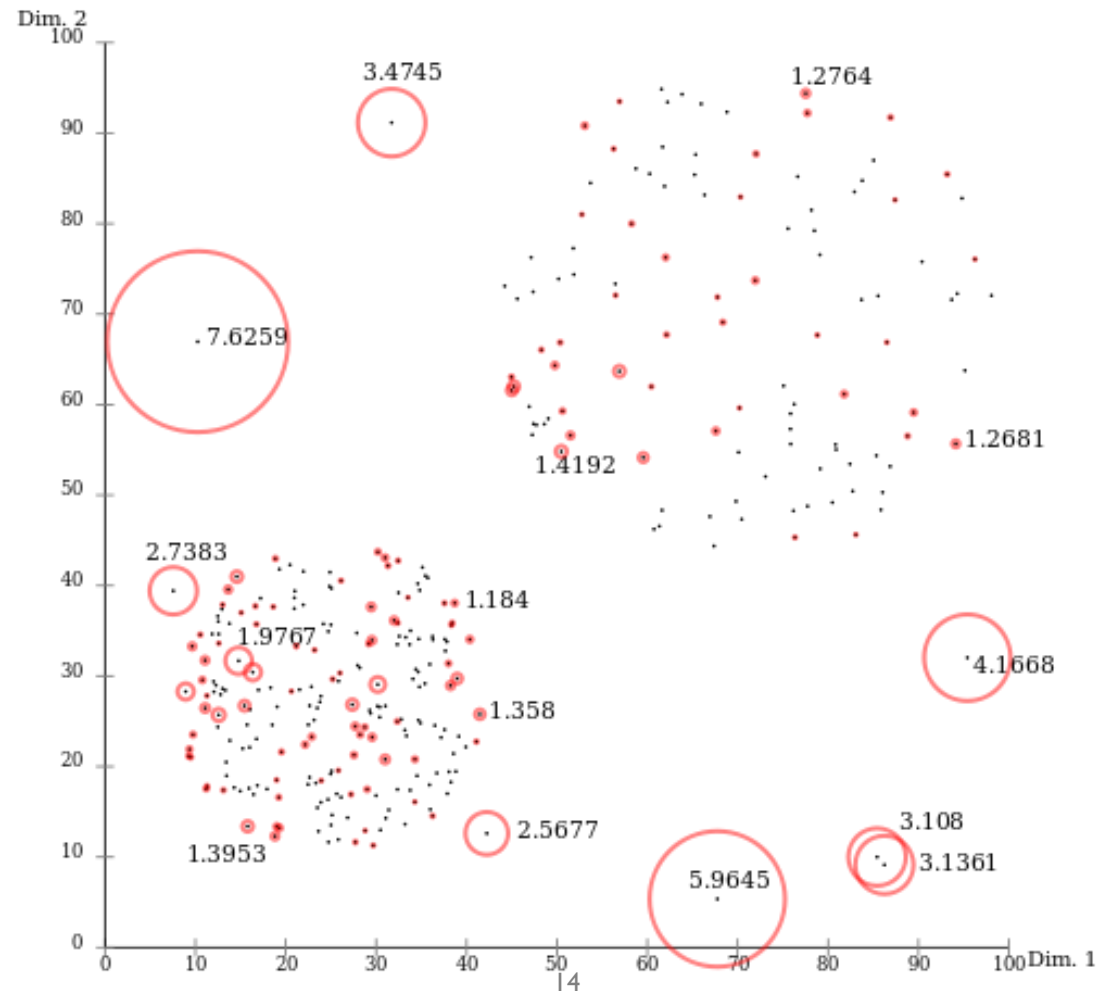
$$LOF_k(p) = \frac{\sum_{o \in N_k(p)} \frac{lrd_k(o)}{lrd_k(p)}}{|N_k(p)|} = \frac{1}{lrd_k(p)} \sum_{o \in N_k(p)} lrd_k(o)$$



Case	$lrd_k(p)$	$lrd_k(o)$	$LOF_k(p)$
Case 1	Large	Large	Small
Case 2	Small	Large	Large
Case 3	Small	Small	Small

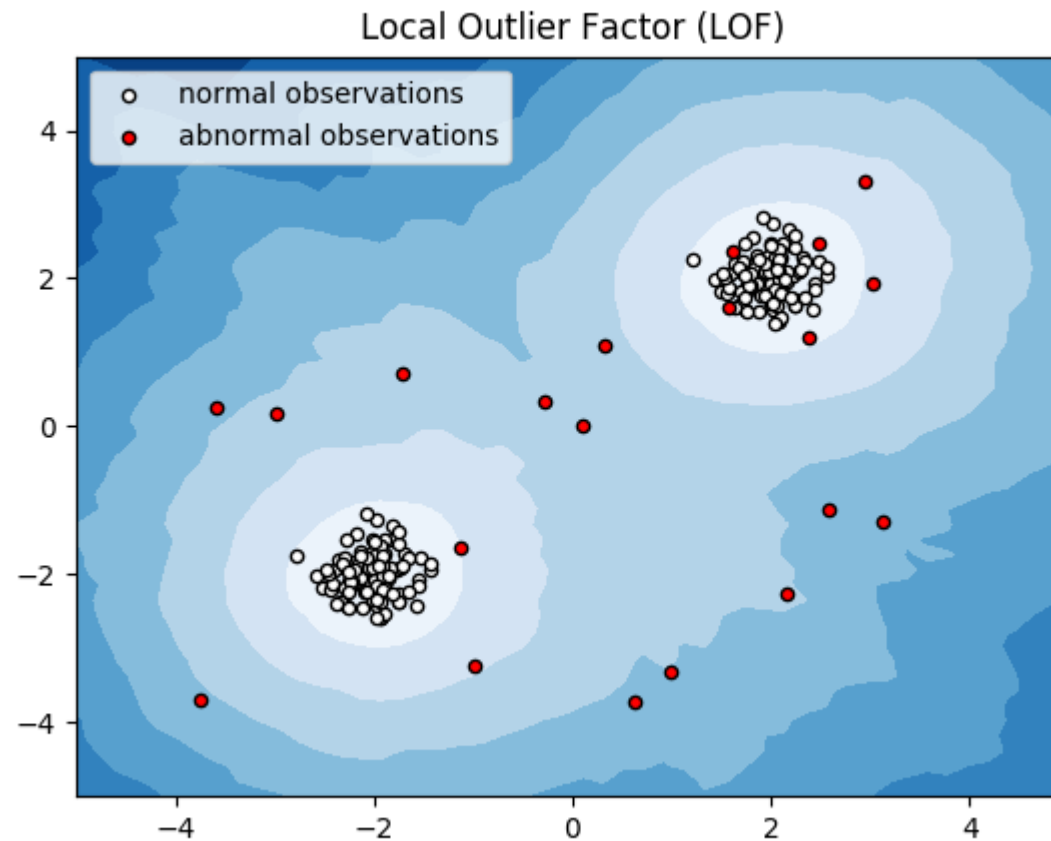
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  - ✓ For each point, compute the density of its local neighborhood



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  - ✓ LOF contour plot







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