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摘要

雲端運算與網路服務已成為現在科技服務的主流，據增的用戶對雲端負載增加壓力，導致資料中心發生非預期故障。雖然已有監測工具即時檢測，但大多是以被動式方法判定故障。檢測雲端服務的異常並不容易，使用者的行為會隨時變動，導致故障檢測模型在短時間內失去作用。因此，檢測模型除了具備準確性，也需要快速適應當下的資料分佈。本研究使用 Deep Reinforcement Learning 結合 Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning(MAML)訓練框架生成在線預測模型，對伺服器資源使用率之時間序列進行異常檢測。MAML 演算法建立多個子任務學習不同異常行為間的隱含表徵。每個子任務包含一個強化學習環境與一個代理者執行決策，最終損失透過 Trust Region Policy Optimization(TRPO)優化並更新參數得到一個初始模型。最後，經過幾次小步長更新即可快速適應當前的使用者模式，減少管理人員更新模型參數的額外成本。

關鍵字：雲端運算、非預期故障、Deep Reinforcement Learning、Meta Learning、MAML、TRPO。

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ABSTRACT

Cloud computing and network services have become mainstream science and technology services. As more users put more pressure on the cloud load, unexpected failures occur in the data center. Although there are monitoring tools for real-time detection, most of them use passive methods to determine faults. It is not easy to detect the anomaly of cloud services, and the user's behavior will change at any time, leading to the failure detection model losing its function quickly. Therefore, in addition to accuracy, the detection model must quickly adapt to the current data distribution. In this study, we use Deep Reinforcement Learning combined with the Model Diagnostic Meta-Learning (MAML) training framework to generate an online prediction model to detect exceptions in the time series of server resource utilization. The MAML algorithm builds multiple subtasks to learn the implicit representation of different abnormal behaviors. Each subtask contains a reinforcement learning environment and an agent to execute decisions. The final loss is optimized by Trust Region Policy Optimization (TRPO) and the parameters are updated to obtain an initial model. Finally, after several minor step updates, it can quickly adapt to the current user mode, reducing the extra cost for managers to update model parameters.

Keywords: Cloud Computing, Unexpected Failures, Deep Reinforcement Learning, Meta Learning, MAML, TRPO.

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Chapter 1. Introduction

Cloud computing technology integrates many computing resources, virtualizes them, and has become a medium for providing services for applications. Users can obtain on-demand computing through the Internet. Resource integration management reduces maintenance costs, integrates multiple heterogeneous systems, and provides powerful computing support for particular tasks. As the complexity of the cluster increases, there is always a problem when a crash or downtime occurs. The data center monitors the running status of several servers around the clock, including logs of processors, memory usage, disks, network equipment, etc. It sends out warnings when abnormal conditions occur. However, the dynamic nature of cloud services makes failures challenging to predict, and many normal behaviors are constantly being redefined. A proactive approach is needed to reduce the impact of failures.

Deep learning has achieved good results in many domain, but it requires a lot of staffing to generate labeled data sets for training to maintain accuracy. When the data distribution changes, the model will fail. Among them, the time series anomaly detection is a big challenge. First, outlier samples are infrequent, often leading to a class imbalance, and second, continuous anomalies often occur, making anomalous patterns challenging to discern. In the resource usage sequence of the cloud server system, it can be known that when the user behavior changes, the data distribution changes, making the model unable to adapt immediately. If a high-risk application runs, a failure can have a large impact.

In recent years, the rapid development of reinforcement learning algorithms has dramatically improved the problem of difficult identification of abnormal patterns. Deep reinforcement learning can learn through interaction with the environment and

adjust model parameters through experience to form an optimal strategy. However, reinforcement learning is strongly dependent on the environment. When the environment changes, the previous optimal strategy will also be invalid, and it will be challenging to adapt to the complex environment changes in the cloud. For this problem, we incorporate Meta-Learning. The Meta Learning algorithm is dedicated to the rapid learning of a small number of samples, using past experience to quickly and accurately learn new and small data. MAML (Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning) is one of the algorithms of the Meta-Learning. It is characterized in that it has nothing to do with the model and focuses on learning the common representation between various tasks. We study the application of this algorithm to adapt to abnormal patterns to solve the above problems quickly.

The research object of this paper is Taiwan NXP Semiconductors Co., Ltd.'s cloud application service, which includes the joint operation and maintenance of multiple virtual hosts. The company uses Zabbix Server to monitor the values of various services and sets a warning to notify the administrator. However, this solution can only notify devices with high usage rates and cannot reflect the overall failure and the actual cause of the abnormality. Therefore, this study first analyzes Zabbix Server monitoring data, uses sliding windows to generate time series data and abnormal labels, and uses TSFEL and PyOD python packages to extract transferable meta-features. Next, we use the MAML-RL algorithm to generate different subtasks for training during the training phase and record the policy loss and network parameters. In the outer loop, we use TRPO (Trust Region Policy Optimization) to find the optimal strategy to maximize the reward of the decision to generate an initial model. Finally, an online prediction model is quickly obtained by using the target data set for small-step training.

Chapter 2. Related Work

2.1 Literature review

The increase in the scale of the cluster system leads to a sharp increase in the failure rate. If the machine can alert before the failure, the operating cost can be significantly reduced [22]. Current research is divided into time series forecasting, anomaly detection, and log analysis methods [23]. Many of them use the server's resource usage (CPU, RAM...etc) as the primary goal. The standard approach of using historical data to train a model offline can fail in dynamic environments where the definition of normal behavior undergoes concept drift over time [6] and may invalidate the model. Therefore, an important topic is how to effectively, and long-term adapt to complex time series.

Reinforcement learning has achieved good results in the field of control. Some studies have integrated reinforcement learning into time series anomaly detection. It can be found that compared with general methods, the accuracy has leaped forward. [2] It is confirmed that reinforcement learning has a certain level of ability to identify abnormalities in time series, but online adaptability is still an important issue. Meta-learning has the advantages of few-shot learning and excellent adaptability and has strong potential in anomaly detection. Therefore, some studies have used the MAML method for anomaly detection with small data. [24], It is also confirmed that Few-shot learning using meta-policies is significantly better than other learning frameworks. Meta-ADD[3] proves the transferability of meta-strategy and meta-features in anomaly detection and also adds an active learning method to improve the model's accuracy.

2.2 CUDA

CUDA[25] is the Compute Unified Device Architecture abbreviation, launched by NVIDIA in 2006. Acceleration can be performed with current consumer graphics cards and professional graphics cards. Deep learning uses a large number of tensor operations in the training of neural networks. The training time can be significantly reduced if parallel computing technologies such as CUDA are used for acceleration. Currently, mainstream deep learning frameworks such as Tensorflow and Pytorch also use CUDA in large numbers.

2.2 Anaconda

Anaconda is a popular development platform for Python data science and is an open-source and user-friendly platform. Anaconda currently includes more than 8,000 open-source data science suites and machine learning libraries and is also compatible with Windows, Linux, and other operating systems. Conda, as an open source package management tool, can not only be used to install additional basic packages, but also as a virtual environment management function so that users can isolate different environments to perform experiments, as shown in Figure 1.

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Figure 1. Conda virtual environment management

In addition to package management, the platform can start an external IDE and allow the direct use of a custom virtual environment in the editor. Common code editors such as Jupyter Notebook, Jupyter Lab, and Visual Studio Code are all supported. , as shown in Figure 2.

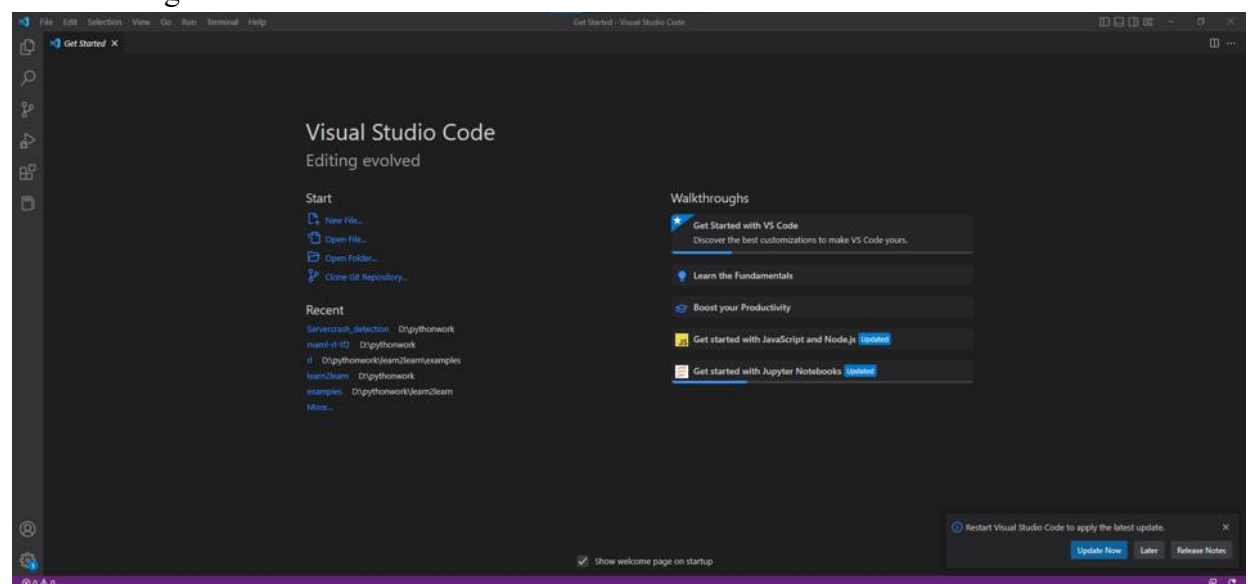


Figure 2. Visual Studio Code

2.3 Pytorch

In early 2017, another set of deep learning frameworks, PyTorch, based on Torch, was open-sourced by Facebook. However, the deep learning framework in the past was

more complex and challenging for beginners to adapt. Therefore, in 2017, PyTorch, led by Adam Paszke, Sam Gross and Soumith Chintala, and many Facebook researchers, appeared in the public eye. Pytorch is a Python-first deep learning framework. It is designed for the language feature of Python, so when you use it, you will find that it supports Python very well and can be combined with various Libraries.

2.4 learn2learn

learn2learn[9] is a Python library for meta-learning research. Its bottom layer uses the PyTorch framework as a neural network operation and is compatible with extension functions based on the PyTorch framework, such as torchvision, torchaudio, torchtext, and cherry. This library also provides functions such as data sets, meta-learning algorithms, and optimizers for some famous few-shot tasks. Currently, studies provide meta-learning algorithms for vision, text, and reinforcement learning.

2.5 Time Series Anomaly Detection

Time series is a series of data within a fixed time interval, usually a continuous value. According to the number of variables, it can be divided into univariate time series and multivariate time series [26]. Time series anomaly detection is to identify potential anomalies in a sequence. However, the anomalies of time series are complex and changeable, and sometimes a series of complex continuous time anomalies appear, which makes detection algorithms difficult to identify. Therefore, anomaly detection in time series is challenging, and a huge price will be paid if the prediction is inaccurate. There are many methods used to detect anomalies today. Below we give examples and illustrate the advantages and disadvantages of the methods.

(1) Traditional statistical methods

Anomaly detection based on statistics is the earliest method used. It assumes that the target data is typically distributed. When the observed data exceeds three times the standard deviation, it is judged as abnormal. This method is simple and intuitive but fails when the data are not normally distributed. Furthermore, if the data contains high-dimensional data points, this method cannot identify mostly spatial anomalies.

(2) Supervised learning methods

In recent years, deep learning has achieved good results in different tasks. In anomaly detection, features are usually extracted from sequences to identify anomalies, and binary or multi-category classifications are performed on anomalies. Supervised learning must rely on a large amount of labeled data to train the model. However, obtaining enough data and labels in the real world is complex. Furthermore, the proportion of abnormal and normal data categories is seriously unbalanced, leading to poor performance of the trained classifier.

(3) Semi-supervised learning method

Based on the autoencoder method, which includes a symmetrical network structure and a hidden vector structure, the model learns the target data distribution by restoring the input, as shown in Figure 3. Since the scarcity of positive samples often limits anomaly detection, autoencoders can use model features to learn normal data distributions and determine those with significant restoration errors as anomalies. This method has achieved great success in some fields, but it will fail in cloud facility maintenance due to rapid environmental changes.

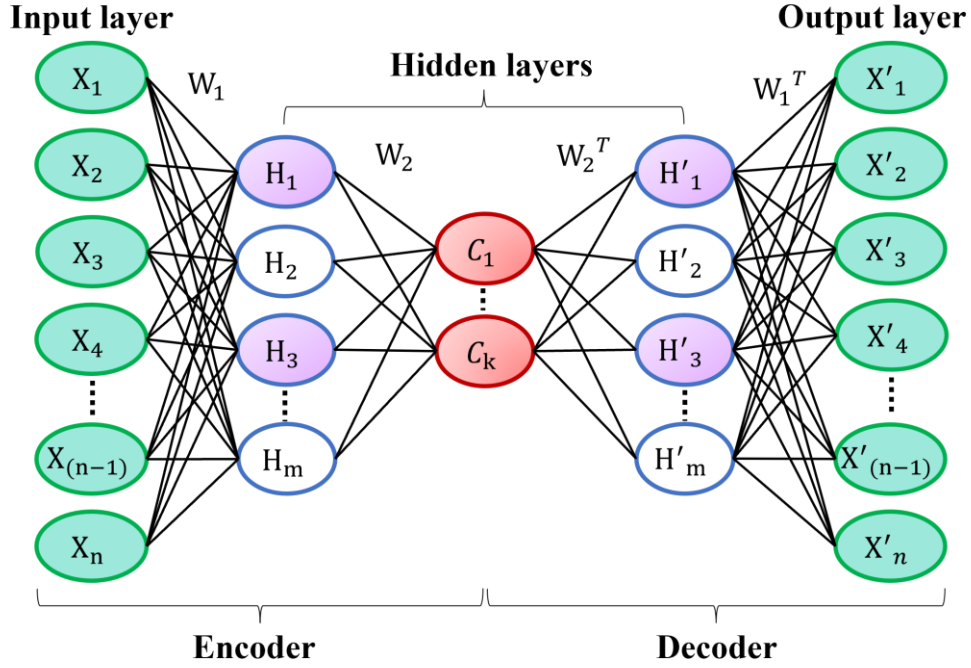


Figure 3. Autoencoder architecture

2.6 Reinforcement Learning

Reinforcement learning is an algorithm that can modify an agent's policy by interacting with the environment. Anomaly detection in time series formulates this problem as a Markov decision process (MDP), which consists of a loop of a policy network, feedback, and environment state, as shown in Figure 4. The agent must maximize reward by learning a control policy. Its self-improvement property solves the problem that the sequence does not have a clear normal pattern. However, the excessive dependence of reinforcement learning on the environment leads to the need to re-simulate the process tens of thousands of times when updating the model, which increases the difficulty.

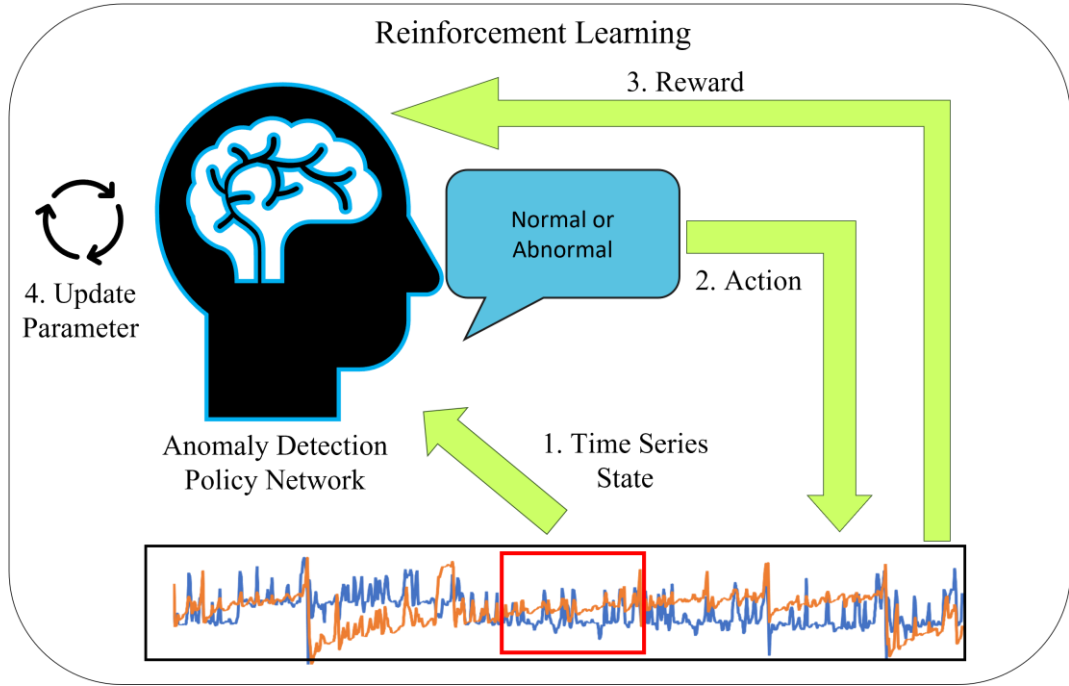


Figure 4. Reinforcement Learning

2.7 Meta-Learning

The biggest problem with deep learning is the demand for data volume, which requires many samples to learn to identify several objects to simulate human learning ability. It is difficult to obtain an accurate model with limited resources. Meta-learning is a technique that has developed rapidly in recent times. It hopes to give the model the ability to "learn how to learn" and quickly learn new tasks from experience. Human beings have had many advantages since birth; they only need to see an object a few times to tell the difference. Therefore, compared to machines, "Task" is the central core of this algorithm. Meta-learning can learn through the classification experience of different tasks and quickly adapt to new tasks through prior knowledge. The following section will introduce the classic algorithm Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning (MAML) from meta-learning, which is also the primary training framework used in this study.

2.8 Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning(MAML)

Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning (MAML) [5] is a classic algorithm because it has nothing to do with the model. It can be regarded as a framework for the model to learn by itself. Therefore, it is often used to join other deep learning models, and even reinforcement learning can be seamlessly embedded in it. MAML performs classification training through multiple small subtasks and generates an initial model that can quickly adapt to new tasks, as shown in Figure 5. Because of its fast adaptability and model-independent advantages, we apply it to the cloud application anomaly detection system. In addition to having the self-correction ability of reinforcement learning, it can quickly adapt when the cloud environment changes rapidly.

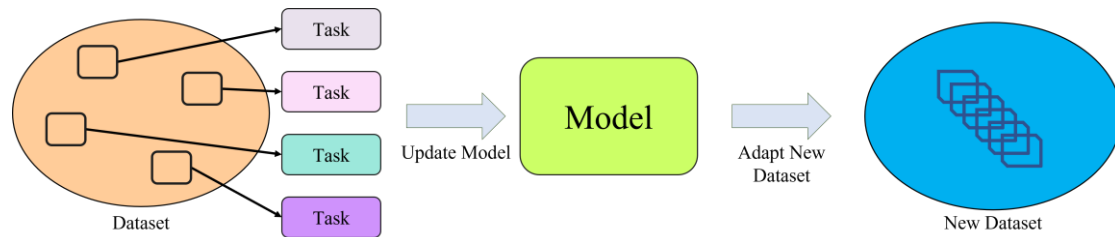


Figure 5. Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning (MAML) algorithm flow

Chapter 3. Research Method

In this study, an anomaly detection system was established by combining the cluster of Taiwan NXP Semiconductors. The cluster uses Hadoop and Spark frameworks; the data sources are all streaming data captured through HDFS. This system first extracts past hardware resource usage data for sliding window marking, uses PyOD and TSFEL to extract essential features of the sequence, and then conducts Meta-Reinforcement Learning training and testing to obtain an initial model. We update the small step size parameters for the detection object and deploy them to the cluster. Finally, the alarm system will ask whether there is any abnormality in the prediction results of the model at any time. When the system finds an impending failure, it will immediately notify the management personnel to deal with it to reduce unexpected accidents. The system operation process as shown in Figure 6.

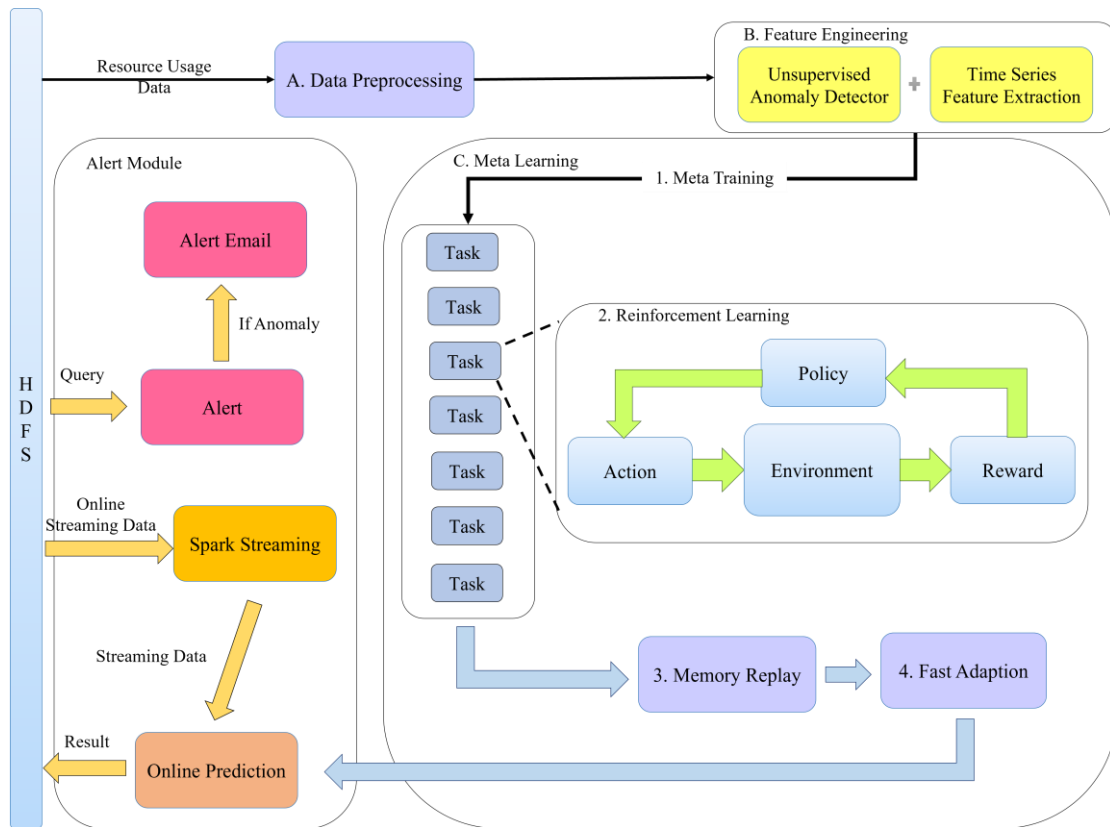
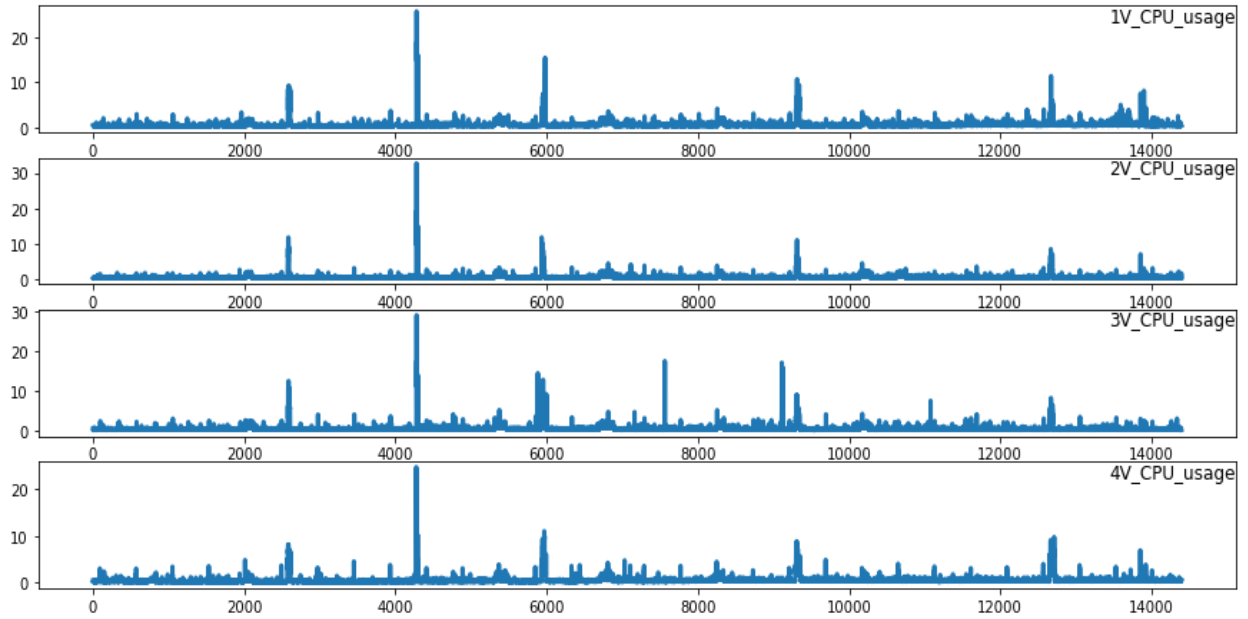


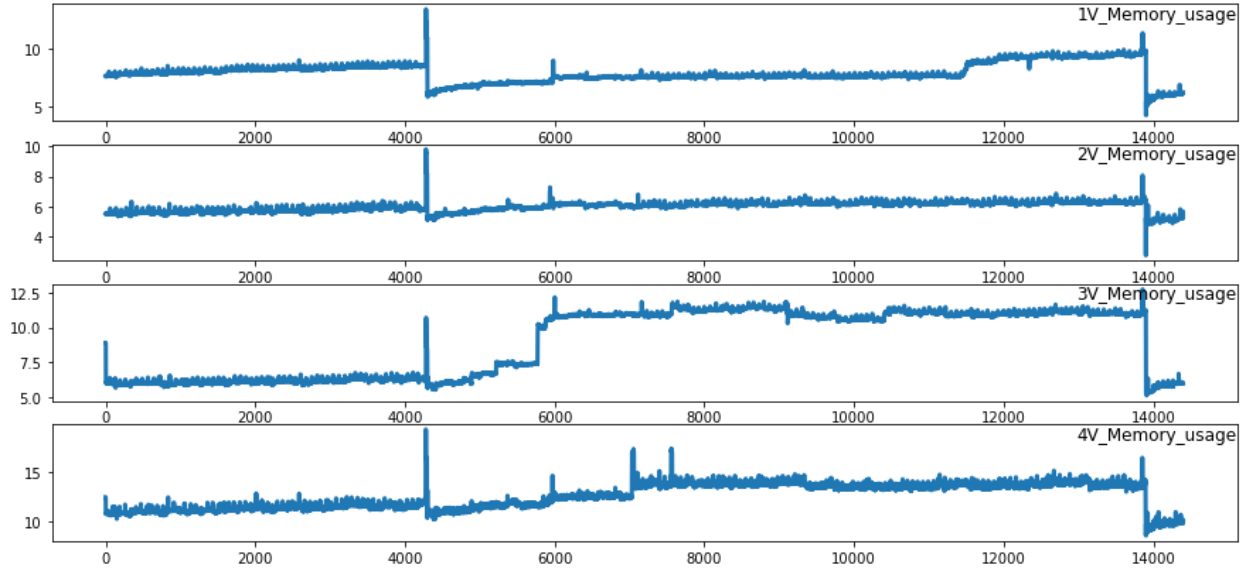
Figure 6. Flow chart of Meta-RL anomaly detection system

3.1 System Abnormal State Analysis

The object of this research is the cluster used by Taiwan NXP Semiconductors Co., Ltd. for the upload, search, and calculation of semiconductor packaging and testing production line data. The cluster uses the Zabbix Server tool to monitor various values in the cluster. Zabbix Server is a server monitoring tool that can monitor the utilization rate of various services and resources in the data center and write the monitoring data into CSV files for storage in real time. First, observe the resource usage data of NXP's Oplus application service from 2021/2/8 to 2021/3/10. Oplus is a crucial service on the semiconductor production line. This application combines the computing resources of multiple hosts. We found that the memory of the application service will switch once when the utilization rate reaches the peak, and the CPU usage will also reach the peak immediately after the switch. After the switch, the memory will maintain an upward trend for about 20 days, as shown in Figure 7 (a), (b).



(a)



(b)

Figure 7. Resource usage plot

The length of the hard disk queue (Disk Queue) is also an important indicator. When the hard disk queue length is greater than 2, it means that the hard disk has too many tasks waiting to be processed. When the CPU usage of the Oplus application service is high and low, there is a long hard disk queue length, as shown in Figure 8. Therefore, it can be seen that it is challenging to use thresholds to judge abnormalities in complex trends.

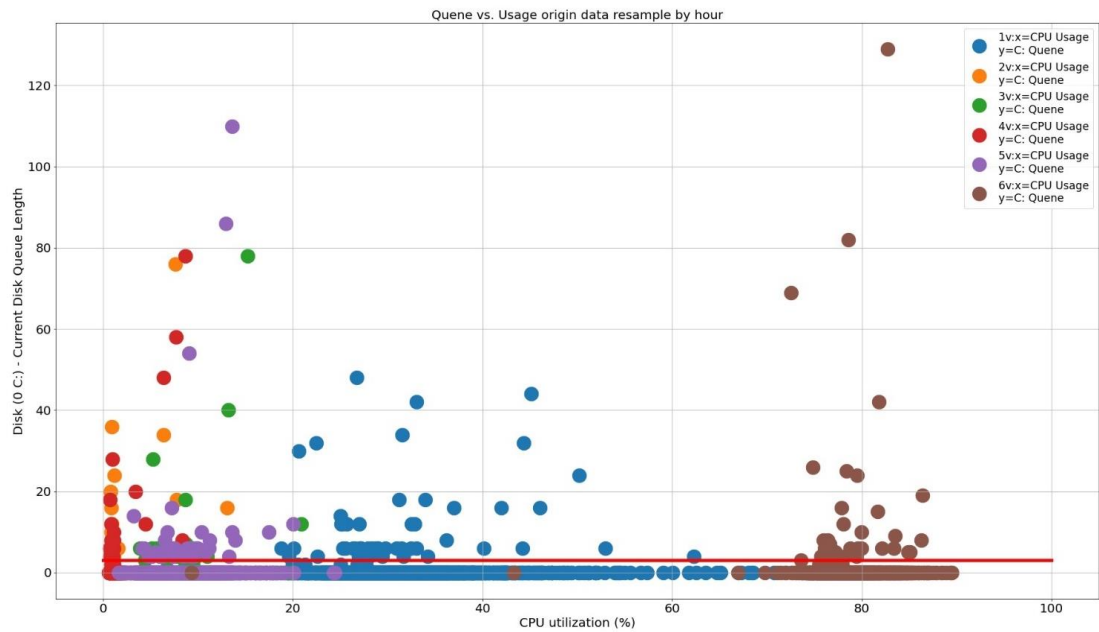


Figure 8. Disk queue and usage plot

3.2 Abnormal data labeling

The data set is to receive data every three minutes. It includes information such as CPU, Memory, Disk Queue, and virtual machines of different numbers (codenamed 1V, 2V, 3V, 4V...etc.). We mainly observe the system's CPU and Memory usage data as the main features, as shown in Figure 9.

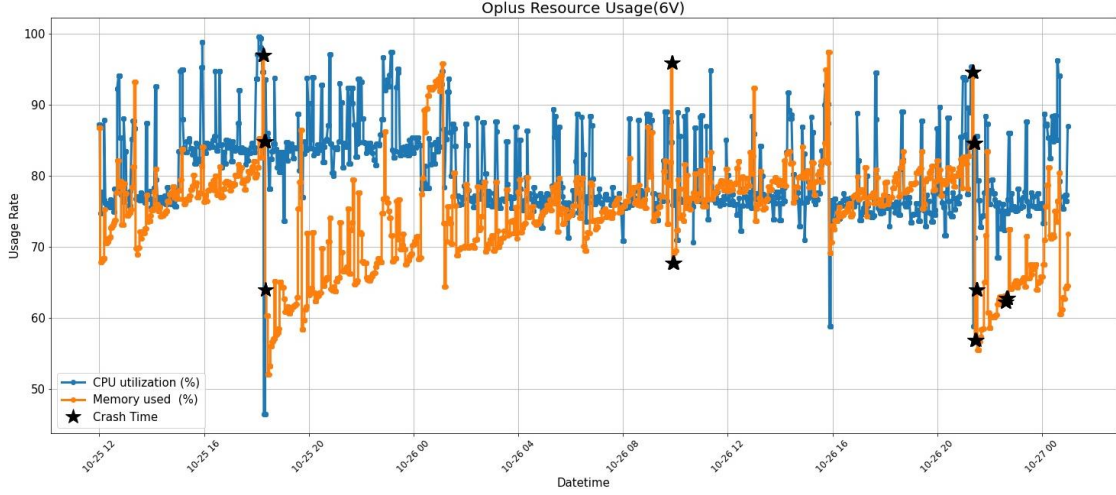


Figure 9. Oplus resource usage and exception time stamp

A window marks the real abnormal time with a fixed width, and we use the local normalization method[6] for the data in the sliding window to show sudden data changes, as shown in Figure 10.

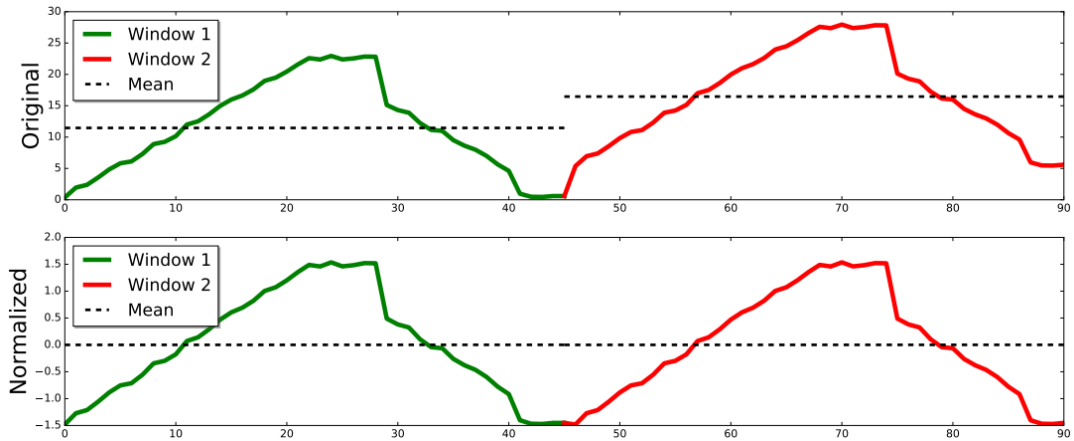


Figure 10. Influence plot of mean drift [6]

We want to warn the detection model when it encounters a precursor to an anomaly on actual binary digit tokens. Therefore, the data set is labeled as 1 in the abnormal interval, and we mark the rest of the normal data as 0 so that as long as there is an abnormal point in the window, it can be determined that the window may be abnormal.

The marking status as shown in Figure 11.

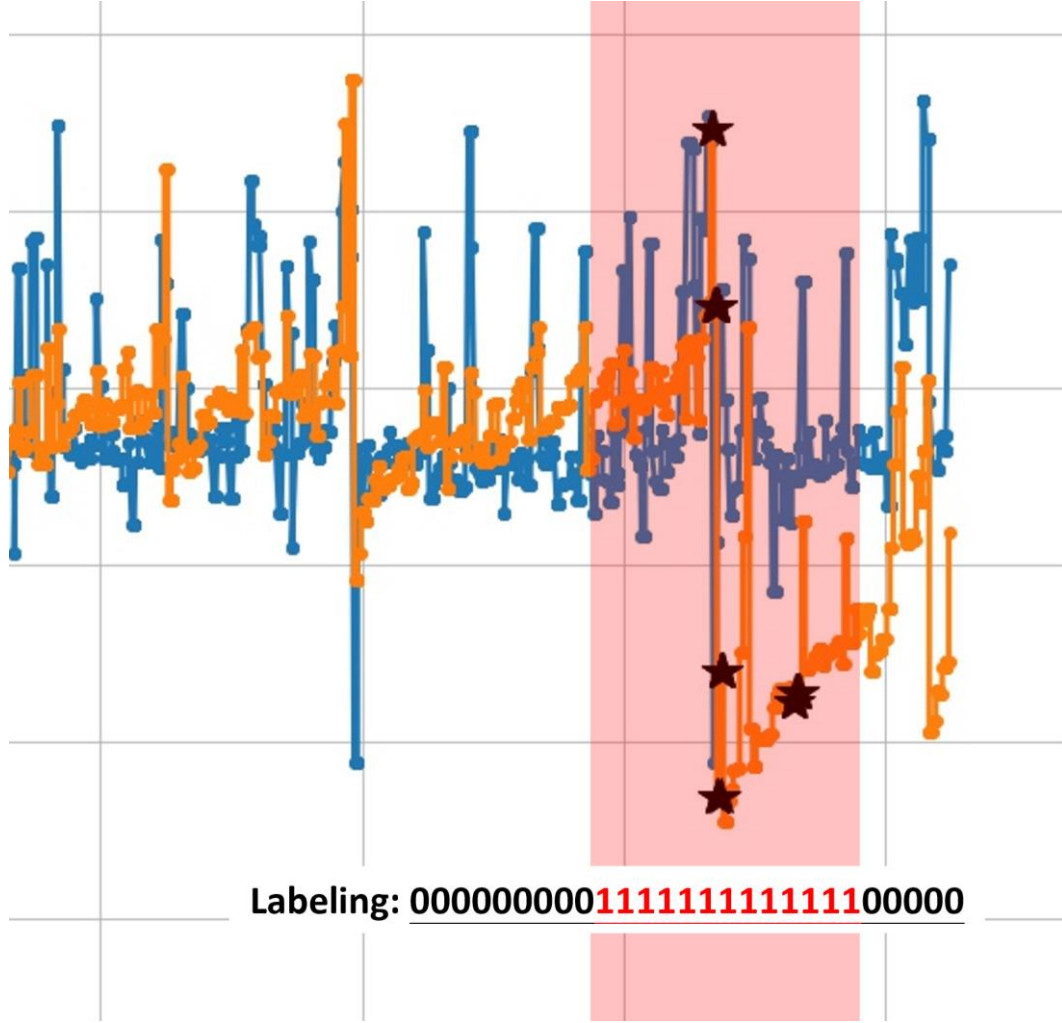


Figure 11. Labeling method of exception window

3.3 Meta feature extraction

This study conducts further feature extraction for time series. First, the original time series contains a complex feature space, which leads to the poor training effect of reinforcement learning. Therefore, we use additional tools to extract time series transferable meta-features. We use TSFEL (Time Series Feature Extraction Library) [7] for analysis. Read the CPU and Memory usage data of virtual machines with different numbers (codenamed 1V, 2V, 3V, 4V...etc.) through Python Pandas. Next, use the TSFEL package to extract statistical domain features, such as maximum and minimum values, gradients, etc., and observe various values and line graphs, as shown in Figure 12.

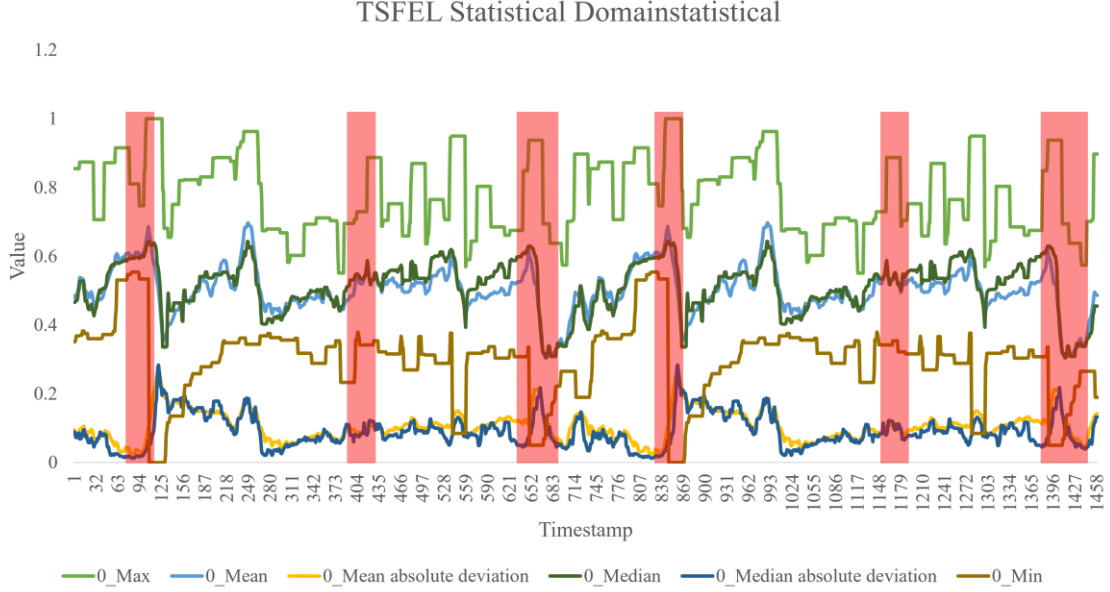


Figure 12. TSFEL statistical domain characteristics

Since the meta-learning process spans data sets with different attributes, the features we need to extract can rely on the meta-data set to prevent feature failure when the data changes. We integrated several unsupervised learning models as pre-processing modules to extract a transferable meta-feature from different data and more accurately evaluate the degree of abnormal data. This step uses the PyOD suite to integrate OCSVM (OneClass SVM), iForest (Isolation Forest), and LODA (Lightweight online detector of anomalies) [10] unsupervised anomaly detection model, using the anomaly score output by the model as the state map of the data set. In addition, we also added the distance between the sample and the abnormal data as a feature. After meta-feature extraction, save it as a CSV file for meta-learning training.

3.4 Build a deep learning training environment

This article uses Anaconda[19] to build a virtual environment, and uses CUDA[20], cudnn[21], and RTX3080 to accelerate the training process. We use Pytorch as the main deep-learning framework, and Visual Studio Code as the main code editor. The hardware settings and package versions as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Open-source packages version

Package	Version
Python	3.7.10

torch	1.8.1
CUDA	11.1
cuda	8.1.0

3.5 Create meta-reinforcement learning tasks

This study uses the RLAD[1] method to establish a reinforcement learning environment. First, we use a fixed sliding window to capture data as the environment state (State) in the time series and limit the action space to two discrete states: 0 (normal) and 1 (abnormal). Enter the environment state as the input data into the Policy Network $Eval_N$ to output the decision of the agent, and there is a probability ε to determine whether the agent follows the suggestion made by the policy network. The output decision will calculate the reward with the label of the data set. Here we set the reward function as $\{TP, TN, FN, FP\}$. Finally, there will be a memory module (Replay Memory) to store the transition state $\langle s, a, r, s' \rangle$, as shown in Figure 13.

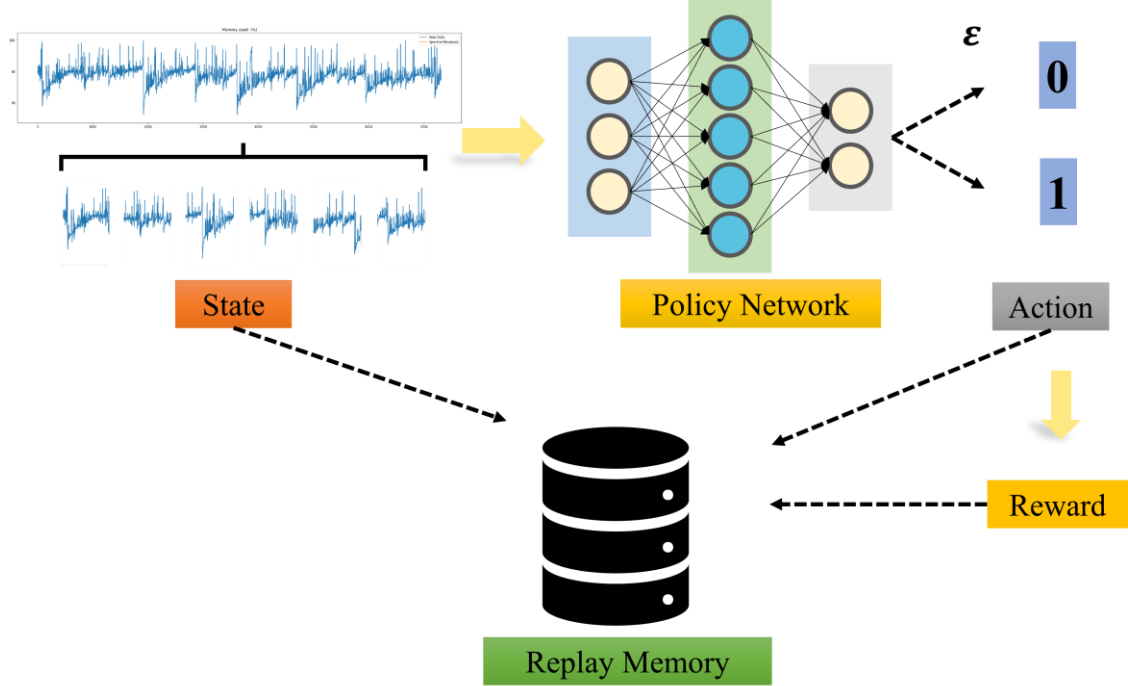


Figure 13. Reinforcement Learning Flowchart

For the Meta reinforcement learning, we regard Environment as a small classification task and slightly modify the reinforcement learning environment as a subtask of meta-learning. The original static reinforcement learning environment was

changed to only one interaction, and multiple environments were established for training through multiple execution threads. Action is to judge whether the agent in reinforcement learning is abnormal. The reward is set so that when the meta-strategy selects correct and abnormal data, we give him a reward of 1, and if there is a misjudgment, a small negative reward of -0.1 will be given. However, when the system predicts correct normal data, we give 0 rewards, and we encourage the system to be able to find correct abnormal instances a little more. We use DNN to establish a Policy Network. The Policy Network will receive the environment state, output a probability distribution, and then sample an Action from the distribution. The State, Action, and Reward data will be stored in Replay Memory after each Task operation.

3.6 Create MAML Algorithms

This study uses the learn2learn[9] suite and python language development. First, our Inner Loop creates multiple execution threads for simultaneous execution in multiple reinforcement learning environments and creates a Task and policy network (θ) for each environment. Next, the State, Action, Reward, and Loss generated in each environment and the updated policy network parameters (θ') are stored in Iteration Replay. In the Outer Loop section, we choose TRPO (Trust region policy optimization) [8] to find the best strategy. The Trajectory of the TRPO algorithm reuses the strategy to increase the utilization rate of samples and also ensures that the reinforcement learning will not affect the model's learning effect due to the strategy change during the training process. The algorithm also delineates a trusted strategy learning area to Ensure the stability and effectiveness of policy learning, as shown in Figure 14.

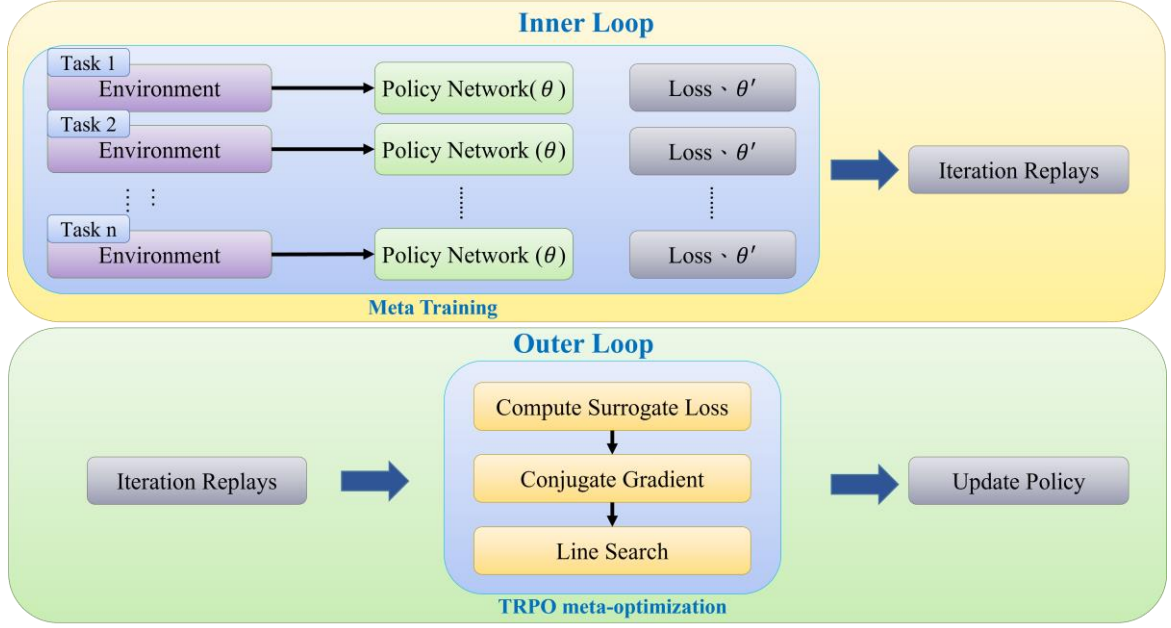


Figure 14. MAML-RL training flow chart

3.7 Training the Meta Reinforcement Model

First, use the OpenAI gym suite to register the resource utilization environment (Step3.5) as this experiment's Environment and set the Inner Loop's hyperparameters as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. MAML hyperparameter settings

Hyperparameter	Value
Hidden layer	[100,100]
Adapt learning rate	0.5
Number of iterations	100
Meta batch size	10
Number of workers	10
cuda	1

Each iteration sets the record file to record the reward and the accuracy of the current final model and sets Tensorboard to observe the trend of the training process, as shown in Figure 15 and Figure 16.

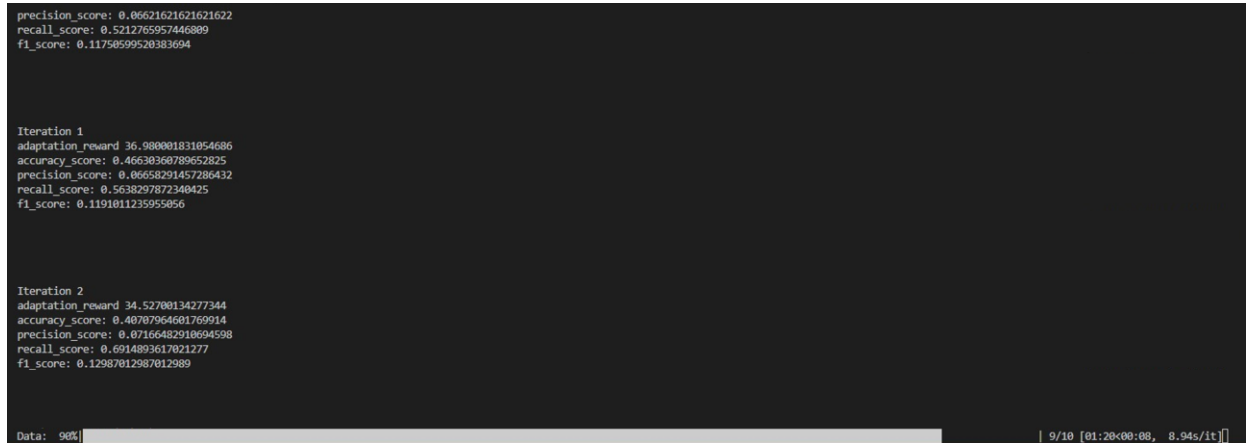


Figure 15. Meta Reinforcement Learning Training

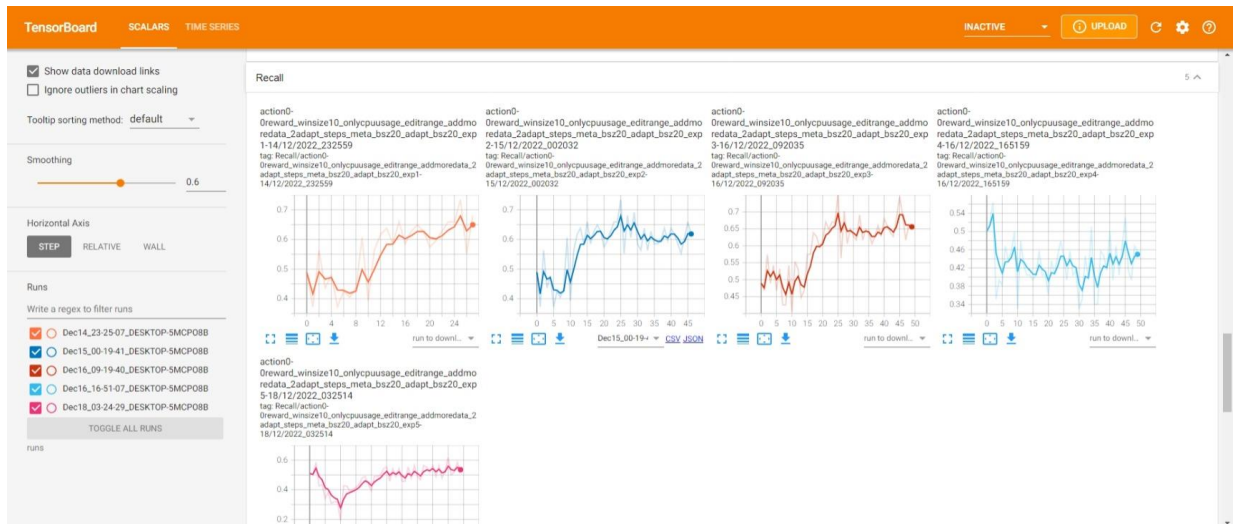


Figure 16. Tensorboard observes the training process

3.8 Policy Network Evaluation

During the training process, we will observe each iteration's accumulated reward value and modify the reward and punishment mechanism of the environment setting through the observed trend, as shown in Figure 17.



Figure 17. Reward trend of reinforcement learning training process

We use Precision, Recall, and F1-score to evaluate whether the model can be deployed. as shown in formulas (1), (2), and (3).

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP} \quad (1)$$

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \quad (2)$$

$$F1 - score = 2 * \frac{Precision * Recall}{Precision + Recall} \quad (3)$$

The initialization model will first receive the streaming data of the hardware resource utilization rate of the target device offline and perform a short-step gradient update after pre-processing. Finally, evaluate whether the test loss is converged and deployed to the target device.

3.9 Deploy the model to perform online prediction

The models used after evaluation will be deployed to the computing cluster of NXP Semiconductors, Taiwan. The company currently uses Hadoop and Spark to

build a cluster system and uses Zabbix Server to monitor the resource usage of each virtual machine. The system sets a fixed time to import the data into HDFS (Hadoop Distributed File System). This research uses Spark streaming to convert data into DStream (discretized stream) form and inputs it into the online prediction model for fault prediction, and the detection results will be stored in HDFS immediately. Then the alarm system sends out an alarm to notify the management personnel to deal with it, as shown in Figure 18.

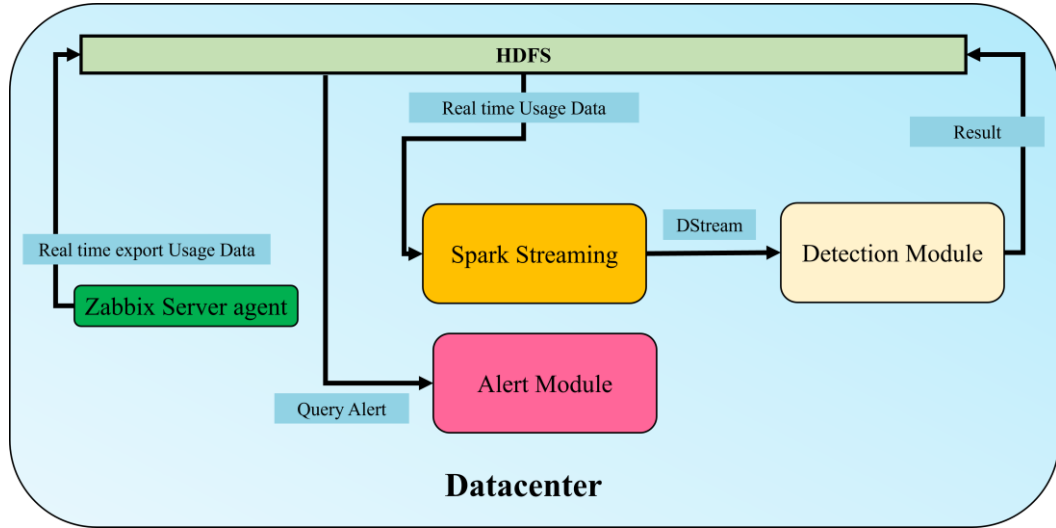


Figure 18. Online detection architecture in the data center

Chapter 4. Experimental Results and Discussion

4.1 Experimental environment

This study uses a deep learning workstation for training, equipped with Intel® Xeon® Silver 4208 and NVIDIA Geforce RTX3080, and has 32GB of DDR4 memory. We use Anaconda to establish a virtual environment for development and the versions of open-source software, as shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Open-source package

Package	Version
conda	22.9.0
Python	3.7.10
Pytorch	1.8.1
CUDA	11.6

cuda toolkit	11.1
cuda nn	8.1.0
tensorboard	2.4.1
matplotlib	3.4.2
torchsummary	1.5.1
pyod	1.0.7

The data set part uses Oplus, an application service used by Taiwan NXP Semiconductors Co., Ltd. to store the semiconductor production line’s data. It will be used whenever new data is generated on the machine or the staff needs to inquire about it. There are frequent exceptions that cause delays when users ask for information. We retrieved the usage rate data from 2021/5 ~ 2021/9 as training data and the 2021/9/1 ~ 2021/9/18 as testing data, as shown in Figure 19.

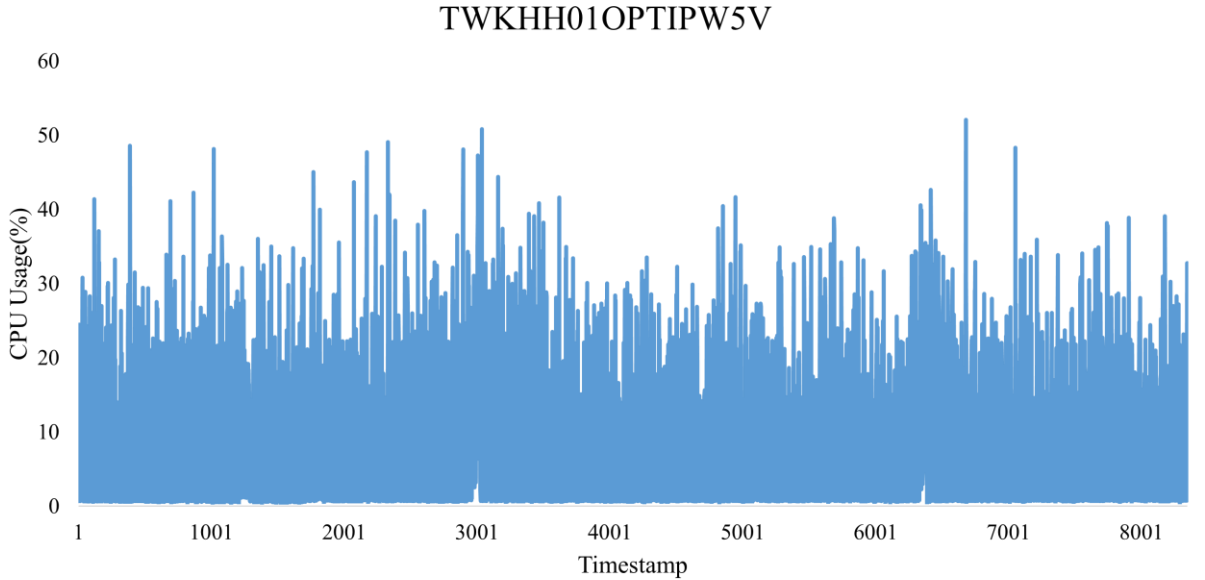


Figure 19. CPU resource usage line chart

In the data pre-processing part, we set the sliding window size to 25, normalize the data to a value in the $[0,1]$ interval, extract the meta-features before training and save it as a CSV file for use. During model training, the data set is split into a training set and a test set at a ratio of 8:2, and 10% of the training set will be extracted as a verification set.

4.2 Experimental design

We conduct two experiments in this section. Experiment 1 will use different

adaptation step sizes for training and observe the total reward in the process. Experiment 2 will calculate the time cost comparison of model adaptation, observe the time cost of different retraining models, and evaluate the feasibility of online adaptation. Experiment 3 will compare the anomaly detection performance of our method and the current semi-supervised model in time series.

4.3 Experimental results

4.3.1 Experiment 1

Experiment 1 tests the influence of different adaptation step sizes on reward. We set the learning rate of the Inner Loop to 0.1 and the learning rate of the Outer Loop to 0.8. The network structure is two layers of neurons with a length of 100, and we test the Reward comparison under the adaptation steps 1, 3, and 5, as shown in Figure 20.

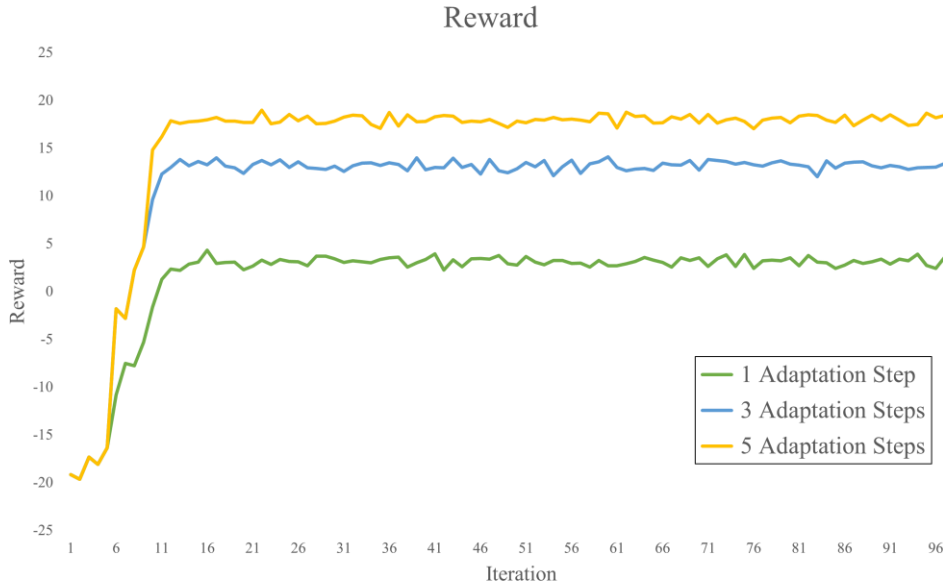


Figure 20. Reward curves under different adaptation steps

4.3.2 Experiment 1

Experiment 2 calculated the time of model training, which was divided into the number of seconds spent training the model for the first time and the time spent re-adapting to new data for the second time. For the first training, a total of 31,920

records of NXP Semiconductors Oplus hardware usage data from 2021/9/1 to 2021/11/30 were used as prior knowledge for the initialization model. The data from 2021/12/1~2021/12/31 was used as the test data during the second training. The calculation time was based on the time when the F1-score of the model training reached 0.75. The experimental results as shown in Table 4.

Table 4. adaptive time

Model	First(Ks)	Adaption(Ks)
Autoencoder	0.645	0.0012
Variational Autoencoder	0.815	0.0031
Meta Reinforcement Learning	5.511	0.0003

4.3.2 Experiment 3

Experiment 3 evaluates the F1-score, Recall, and Precision indices of the time series anomaly detection of reinforcement learning in cloud services. We choose Autoencoder, Variational Autoencoder (VAE), and Temporal Convolutional Autoencoder (TCN-AE) [27], which are commonly used semi-supervised learning algorithms for time series anomaly detection, to compare with the reinforcement learning algorithm in this paper, as shown in Table 5. In the abnormal alarm threshold, we use the number of abnormal windows in a fixed interval to judge. If an abnormality exceeding the threshold number occurs in this interval, it is judged as abnormal to prevent excessively sensitive false alarms from occurring.

Table 5. Compare Model Performance

Model	F1-score	Recall	Precision
Autoencoder	0.558	0.6	0.523
Variational Autoencoder	0.445	0.5	0.401
Temporal Convolutional Autoencoder	0.565	0.632	0.511
Meta Reinforcement Learning	0.781	0.772	0.791

4.4 Discussion

In Experiment 1, we know that the adaptation step size can be increased for training when training the model. Still, when the adaptation step size is larger, the reward will not increase in multiples but will reduce the increase. From experiments, it

is found that the model will gradually converge at about the 40th iteration number during training, and the number of iterations can be reduced to speed up the training process. In the future, from the different model adaptation times in Experiment 2, although the Meta Reinforcement Learning method in this study has the highest time cost when training the initial model when a new task is generated or the model needs to be updated, the time for adaptation is At a minimum, it can be shown that our method can quickly adapt to changing datasets. Finally, from Experiment 3, we can see that our model outperforms the current popular semi-supervised learning algorithm. We can improve the performance by about 1.4 times in the network structure by only using a simple two-layer neuron.

Chapter 5. Conclusion

The experimental results show that this study reduces the time and cost of re-adaptation due to user behavior changes that cause the model to fail when detecting anomalies in cloud application services. Compared with the previous semi-supervised learning model, the accuracy of our proposed method has been improved by 1.4 times. It can be seen that this method has a good performance in the accuracy of identifying abnormalities and online adaptability. In this study, we improved the accuracy and adaptability of the model by adding the MAML training process. We also achieved good results with a small number of positive samples. The method proposed in this study has great potential in the maintenance of cloud application services, but the model still has room for improvement as far as the current performance is concerned. In the future, more advanced methods can be tried through data feature extraction and optimizer design, so the model's performance can be further improved. The algorithm can also be more efficiently combined with the actual application cluster, and the training process can be accelerated by mobilizing idle resources of different nodes to maximize the algorithm's ability.

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