Automated Log Diagnosis in CI/CD Pipelines

Bachelor Thesis - Defence

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Agenda

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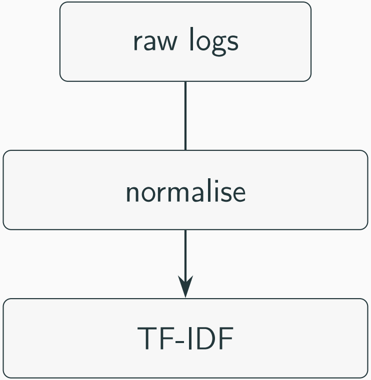

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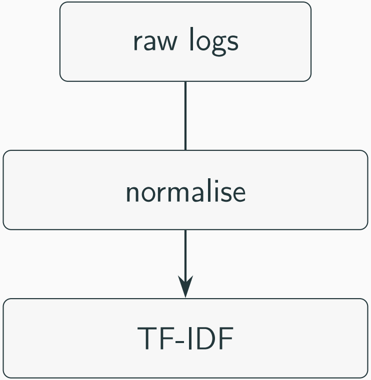

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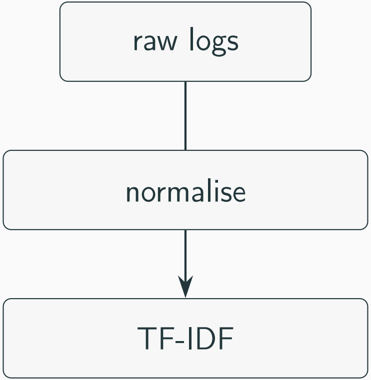

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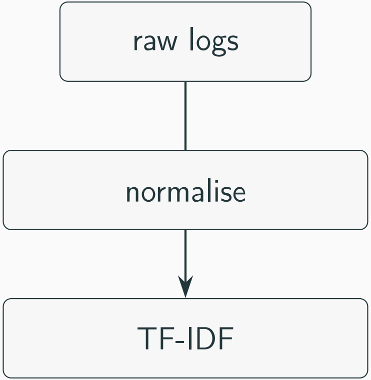

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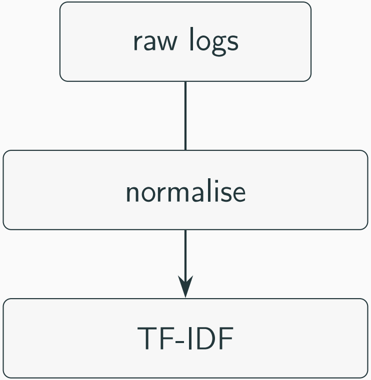

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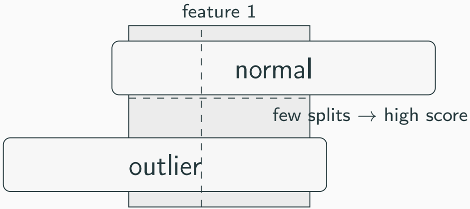

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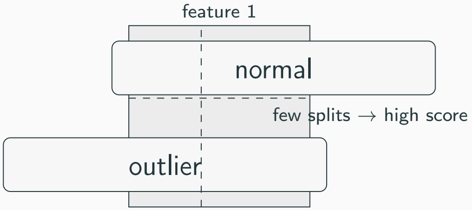

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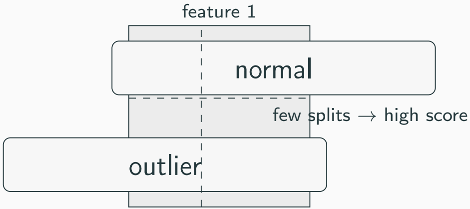

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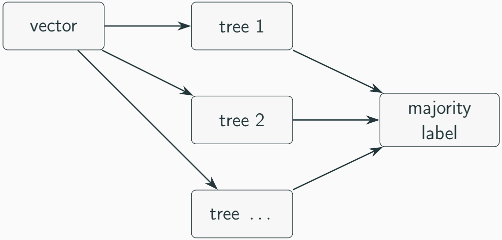

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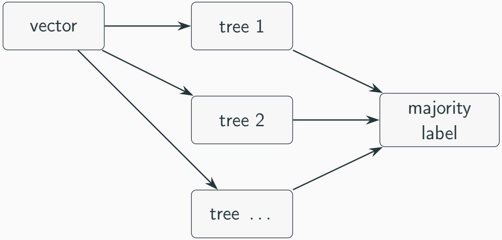

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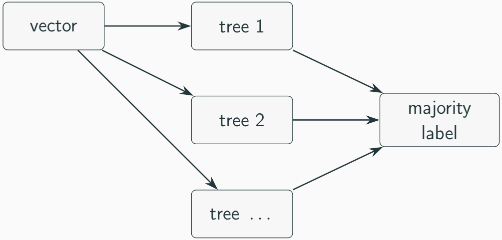

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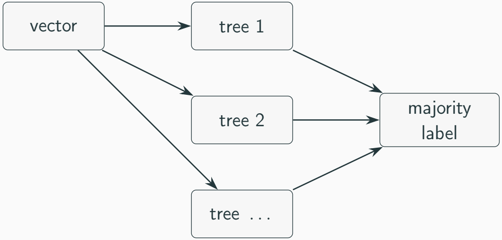
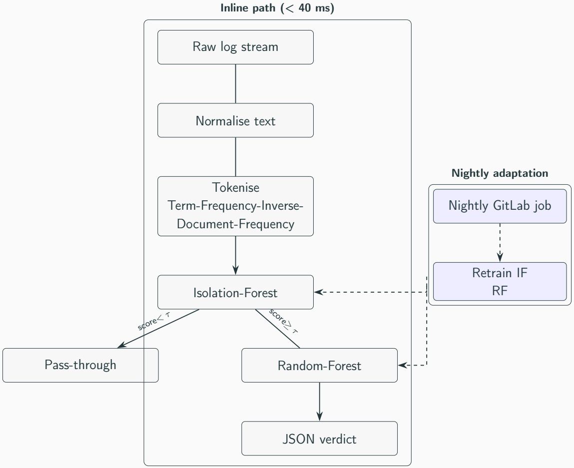


Architecture

End-to-end pipeline (< 40 ms inline)



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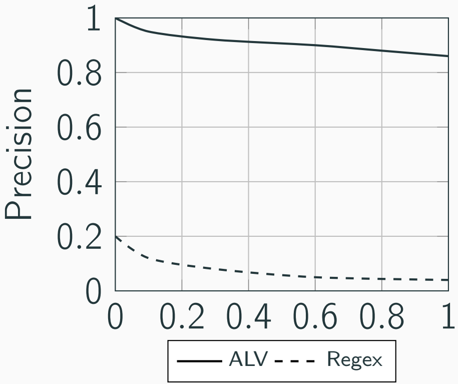

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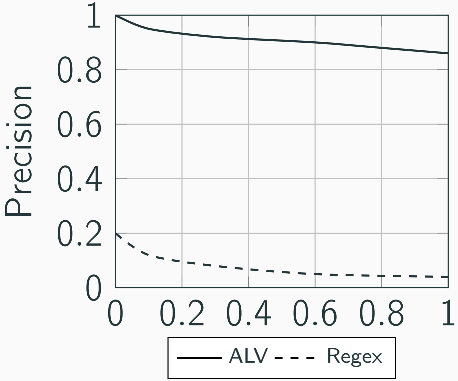

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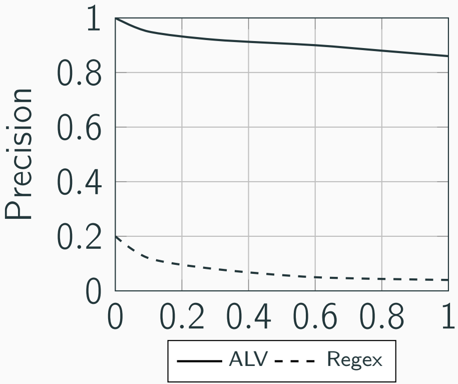

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Wrap-up

Take-away

Light-weight, on-prem ML matches AIOps SaaS

without latency, cost or data-protection pain.

Questions welcome - thank you!