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## What is an Anomaly

Anomaly is something that is not normally observed. It does not mean fault or failure. Just something different.

A **fault** in a system is a negative behaviour and has the potential to cause **Failure** which is the inability of the system to execute the intended operation.

Anomalies are also referred to as discordants, deviations, outliers, novelty - something that stands out when compared to normal population.

Hawkins [1] defines:

"An outlier is an observation which deviates so much from the other observations as to arouse suspicions that it was generated by a different mechanism."

## Applications of Anomaly Detection

**System operations** is to determine if the system is operating normally or were there any deviations from its normal behaviour. For example a spacecraft operations can be monitored using a system in place.

**Intrusion Detection Systems** : is to check the behavior of system calls, Network traffic, activity during normal and holidays are not unusual. An unusual slowness or elevated activity may indicate an attack

In **Fraud Detection** a typical usage pattern and buying behavior of the individuals can be modelled and compared with each future transaction to detect an anomalous transaction. The model can take into account the charge amount, location, speed and frequency of purchases etc. to compare to detect normal or fraudulent transactions.

**Medical Diagnosis**, the authors have applied to predict Asthma triggers in patients

**Weather predictions** or **aging predictions** to see if there are unusual patterns that lead to environmental trends.

**Determine and set normal Operating range** of values for a measured entity. For example, in spacecraft operations one could ask, what is the normal operating temperature of thermal heaters. In medical application, one might want to know normal heart rate during rest and activity periods among different segments of the population.

Other applications one can imagine are **Cyber Security Money Laundering Banking and Financial applications** etc.

## Concerns of Anomaly Detection System

# Challenges, Methods and Approaches to Anomaly Detection Algorithms

Anomaly is out of the norm behaviour, therefore usually due to inherent nature of it, one might often encounter:

- significant class imbalance.
- Concept Drift - the behavior evolves and drifts its dynamic
- New Anomalies - it is unlikely to enumerate all the anomalies
- Lack of supervised set (especially during new product development)
- Class Overlap - anomalous data can overlap on non-anomalous datasets.
- Anomaly data in very high dimensions - the spacecraft data sets range from 5000 to 150000 sensors

## Methods

The methods to detect Anomaly could be

- Supervised
- Unsupervised
- Semi Supervised

- Density Based methods (AKS Proximity based Methods)

- DBSCAN -LOF

- Distance Based

- Clustering

- K-NN
- K-Means

- Regression Hyperplane distance

- Parametric

- Gaussian mixture Models
- Single class SVMs
- Extreme Value Theorem
- Hidden Markov Models
- Isolation Forests
- Extreme Value Analysis
- Linear Models
- Spectral Models

- System Invariance Models

- System Invariant Analysis Technology (SIAT) [2][3]

- Deep Neural networks (numerous articles)

- Sequence models
- Long Short Term Memory (LSTM)
- Convolutional Neural networks (CNN)

## Short sight on Detection and need for extensions'

Almost all methods consists of developing a model by observing the data in normal time. Compare the model to remaining dataset and classify the new observations as abnormal or normal.

It is just not sufficient to detect an anomaly. The complex models such as LSTM's can detect anomalies, however just merely detecting anomaly does not solve real world issues.

The other concerns are:

- When is the time to retrain the model? or how long does a trained model can predict anomalies - model warranty
- **Most critical** are how to explain the anomaly; the cause of the anomaly; It is importance to note that the LSTM models can detect anomalies with high fidelity. However it is very **critical** to explain the anomaly; most methods fail to explain the cause. the models such as SIAT are built to show the cause of anomaly and trouble shoot the root cause and offer remedial recommendations.
- How to capture and visualize the **Logical mapping of the system**. SIAT models inherently show the dynamics or logical-model of the system. This is especially important to compare the constllation of similar systems. In case of satellites, how does constellation of spacecrafts behave - an important dynamics to understand the space weather effects on spacecraft operations that undergo frequent **Elecro static discharge (ESD)** events that cause what is known as **Single Event Failures SEF** that causes intermittent failure of the spacecraft; these intermittent failures have tremendous isses when it occurs in communication spacecrafts or Weather or GPS satellites.
- Are there seasonality in system behavior? Is it diffent during night and day time. In case of spacecrafts, the battery behaviors and temperature change rapidly. Spacecrafts can show various dynamics as seasons change (summer, winter, fall, etc) depending upon its exposure to sun which is the primary means of charging batteries.
- How reduce False positives? In case of spacecraft operations, there are operations such as **Station keeping, North South or East West** station keeping operations (AKA maneuvers) that are done to align the spacecraft pointing to antennas to enable **Communication Sub System (CSS)** to operate normally. These maneuvers are difficult to capture in general dynamics - how shouls the system handle these normal and yet difficult to capture dynamics of the system.
- How should data be preprocessed for various algorithms? For LSTM, it is critical to normalize the data; for SIAT, critical to eliminate categorical variables. In all cases, the data must be numeric and quality tested.
- How to capture the **"false positive"** patterns and to apply post-processing to reduce the false alarms.
- How to customize **automated actions** upon known anomalous patterns.
- How not to miss **True Positives**
- How to conduct feature engineering to detemine most critical sensors
- How to trigger anomaly if it occurs in sub-space (this is especially true in case higher dimentional space of 100k sensors where anomaly may be caused due to small deviations in sensors)
- How to evolve the model; Use this to show how the system is aging and offer insights to robust design and operations.

- What is the **Concept of Operations** (CONOPS). When to build the model and how to deploy. The computation power requirements for developing the model and power requirements for inferences.
- Where does the computation run. This is especially important when the anomaly detection framework needs to be deployed in Space environments. In addition, power, memory requirements plays a vital role in deploying system where it is expected to discover and self-calibrate.
- How to handle different types of data? Most algorithms are not capable of handling categorical or binary type of data. (For example, switches ON/OFF or status reporting switches). How to holistically handle all types of data.
- How to augment (or enrich) the data set and remove irrelevant data. (For ex. a sensor that is highly correlated with time is rather not have much signals and thus can be omitted)
- How to handle "Log data", text data or Image data that have characteristics of time series.
- How to develop of user interface for various stakeholders.
- Determine the sufficient data quantity to capture the system dynamics.
- How to patch or handle missing data. This is especially true in spacecraft (or any high dimensional dataset) there will be missing or bad-quality data (anomaly); how to detect and patch before capturing the model to reduce false positives.

Data patching techniques such as "forward fill", backward-fill are not necessarily effective always.

- How to predict future anomalies - i.e. capture the trending signals that leads to anomaly
- How to use it for maintenance

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