

11.1 Nuclear plants

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One possible approach is look at the problem as a classification task, trying to select one of 4 classes (3 types of failure + Normal state). For this approach we could use MLP and look at data at each timestep and evaluate. The problem with this approach is low number of training data for failures, as 99.9% of the time the state is normal.

Second approach could be a ~~anomaly detection~~ anomaly detection. This approach would work well with training data without failures, as they are the anomaly to be detected. I would use LSTM network, as it keeps some memory and can detect anomalies. Also it can ~~like~~ evaluate data continuously. Problem ~~could~~ could be detecting ~~specific~~ specific failure, as the network would only produce that anomaly is present. ~~Other approach would be to use~~
The general problem with this task is ~~really~~ imbalance ~~between~~ between normal state and failure, as failures occurs minimally. Also, the risk of ~~not~~ not detecting a failure is ~~very~~ great, as we are talking about nuclear plant.

a) This problem is a clustering problem, as we want to group similar images together. I propose to use the self organising maps (SOM) architecture, as it is designed for clustering/visualisation. The input of the network would be ~~image~~ the image pixels ($200 \times 300 = 60\,000$ values). ~~size~~ and output would be a mapping into a 2D plane. The most important hyperparameter is number of nodes in the map, which should roughly correspond to the number of clusters we want - this is also the way how to control the level of grouping (low # units \rightarrow few large groups, a lot of units \rightarrow many small groups).

Because the images are big (we have 60 000 input features), for better results and faster computational time, I ~~also~~ propose to center the images and subsample them, to get images with size $\sim 40 \times 40$ pixels with the insect being in the center.

b) To check if the new images with the same labels end up in the same group, I would use the trained SOM and input the new images and check if they would be mapped into the same ~~the~~ units. Again, the images need to be the same size as the trained ones.

c) is on next page.

11.2 Zoologists

C, Now we have labeled data and I want to get the correct class. This is a classification problem and I would use a multi-layer perceptron (MLP).

The input would be the qualitative subset of the features ($\# \text{ of features} = \# \text{ inputs}$). The output ~~variable~~ size would be the number of taxonomy categories the ~~training~~ data has. The output would represent distribution over the class. Key hyperparameters are: depth ($\#$ of hidden layers), width of hidden layers, learning rate, batch size, $\#$ epoch. I would use backpropagation as learning algorithm.

I would divide the data into 3 groups (80% training, 10% validation, 10% test), used the training data for training the models, validation for model selection and test for evaluating the performance of the selected model. The performance on test set would be then reported.

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a) The simplest approach is to look at this problem as classification, where input is the DRP image and output is binary (0 - no service, 1 - service needed). MLP can be used as the network. The training data would be mix of the breakdown DRP images and DRP images from normal use. The ratio should correspond to ratio of breakdowns / ~~not the~~ normal.

Important is that data in each DRP image is from 5 following days, but the ~~days~~ ^{DRPs} do not have to be use as a time series during training (but it would make it easier to implement).

I would use backpropagation to train the network. Split the data into training (80%), validation (10%) and test (10%) sets, so use for training, model selection and evaluation, correspondingly. This approach could also be used for estimating probability of needing service (just use sigmoid on output).

~~again~~ I would use
b) This is a ~~regression~~ regression problem. Using similar network ~~as~~ in part a) ~~as the~~ as the output activation, I would use ReLU to get a non-negative output (number of days to next service should not be negative).

Before training, we need to compute the days to nearest ~~the~~ service for all DRPs, so we can train the network. The input is the same as in a) (5x234). I use backpropagation ~~again~~ to train. Otherwise training is similar to part a).

11.4 RNN

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In TLFNN, we explicitly specify what previous data are still used in current step (what the network remembers). On the other hand, the ~~see~~ RNN learns what ~~it should keep in memory~~ ~~that outcome was~~ should keep in memory.

The weight matrix for TLFNN computes the outcome given all inputs in the memory. ~~So it is the connecting the~~ The layers are then connected by the sum of inputs.

RNNs weight matrix computes outcome from delayed previous outcomes and current input. The layer is ~~the~~ only connected to the input layer and itself at previous timestep.

In this competition, your goal is to ~~use~~ develop a model that can correctly label unseen data. Use the provided labeled datasets for training and the provided ~~us~~ labels for the unlabeled test data. The underlying distribution of the test data could differ from the training data, so your model needs to be robust to this noise and needs to ~~good~~ generalise well.

Your model will be evaluated by ~~the~~ classification accuracy on test data, $\frac{\# \text{correct}}{\# \text{all}}$. As this is a classification task, we are interested only in performance of the model.

To better understand the task, here are 3 possible applications in the real world:

- 1, predicting weather from measurements; initial model is trained with data from sensors X, but it will be deployed with sensors X and Z, which provide same features, but the values could be a bit different
- 2, image classification for images taken with different cameras (different resolution, ~~the~~ brightness, ...)
- 3, generic classification with noisy data.

Q11.6 VAE 1

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The concept is sampling from latent distribution and use it as decoder input. The key idea behind VAE is learning latent state distribution of the samples. The process of generating samples from trained VAE is as follows:

- 1) Sample from unit normal distribution: $\epsilon = N(0, 1)$
- 2) Computed the latent variable from trained mean and std:

$$z = \mu + \sigma \odot \epsilon$$

- 3, use the latent variable as an input to the decoder network
- 4, propagate through decoder, the output is the generated sample

Classical AE learns representation in a different feature space (higher or lower dimensional than input) but does not learn the underlying distribution of the data.

On the other hand, VAE learns the latent distribution of the data, which allows it to generate from it. It also prevents from just remembering the input samples, as decoder uses sampling from the latent distribution