

## I. DERIVATION OF TWFA AS A GENERALIZED FORM OF TEO

First, we begin with the original definition of the attention score at  $i$ -th head in  $t$ -th time point:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{i,t} &= (K_{i,t} - V_{i,t})^2 \\ &= (X_{i,t+1}W_{i,t}^K - X_{i,t-1}W_{i,t}^V)^2 \\ &= (X_{i,t+1}W_{i,t}^K)^2 - 2(X_{i,t+1}W_{i,t}^K)(X_{i,t-1}W_{i,t}^V) \\ &\quad + (X_{i,t-1}W_{i,t}^V)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

To simplify the derivation, we assume that the weight matrices  $W_{i,t}^K$  and  $W_{i,t}^V$  are equal, denoted as  $W_{i,t}$ :

$$W_{i,t}^K = W_{i,t}^V = W_{i,t}. \quad (2)$$

This assumption is reasonable when the transformations of the key and value are similar or shared. Substituting into Eq. (1), we obtain:

$$M_{i,t} = (X_{i,t+1}W_{i,t})^2 - 2(X_{i,t+1}W_{i,t})(X_{i,t-1}W_{i,t}) + (X_{i,t-1}W_{i,t})^2 \quad (3)$$

$$= W_{i,t} (X_{i,t+1}^2 - 2X_{i,t+1}X_{i,t-1} + X_{i,t-1}^2) W_{i,t}. \quad (4)$$

The expression in parentheses in Eq. (4) is a standard expansion:

$$X_{i,t+1}^2 - 2X_{i,t+1}X_{i,t-1} + X_{i,t-1}^2 = (X_{i,t+1} - X_{i,t-1})^2. \quad (5)$$

For the discrete signal  $X$ , we can utilize forward and backward differences. Assuming the signal  $X$  changes smoothly at position  $i, t$ , we approximate  $X_{i,t+1}$  and  $X_{i,t-1}$  as follows:

$$X_{i,t+1} \approx X_{i,t} + \Delta X_{i,t}, \quad (6)$$

$$X_{i,t-1} \approx X_{i,t} - \Delta X_{i,t}, \quad (7)$$

where  $\Delta X_{i,t}$  represents the difference at position  $i, t$ , and for a discrete case, the step size can be assumed to be 1.

Calculating the Squares of  $X_{i,t+1}$  and  $X_{i,t-1}$

Using Eq. (6) and Eq. (7), we calculate the squares of  $X_{i,t+1}$  and  $X_{i,t-1}$ :

1. Squares of  $X_{i,t+1}$  and  $X_{i,t-1}$ :

$$X_{i,t+1}^2 \approx (X_{i,t} + \Delta X_{i,t})^2 \quad (8)$$

$$= X_{i,t}^2 + 2X_{i,t}\Delta X_{i,t} + (\Delta X_{i,t})^2, \quad (9)$$

$$X_{i,t-1}^2 \approx (X_{i,t} - \Delta X_{i,t})^2 \quad (10)$$

$$= X_{i,t}^2 - 2X_{i,t}\Delta X_{i,t} + (\Delta X_{i,t})^2. \quad (11)$$

2. Calculating the product  $X_{i,t+1}X_{i,t-1}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} X_{i,t+1}X_{i,t-1} &\approx (X_{i,t} + \Delta X_{i,t})(X_{i,t} - \Delta X_{i,t}) \\ &= X_{i,t}^2 - (\Delta X_{i,t})^2. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Substituting and Simplifying

Substituting Eq. (9), Eq. (11), and (12) into Eq. (5), we get:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{i,t} &\approx W_{i,t} \left[ (X_{i,t}^2 + 2X_{i,t}\Delta X_{i,t} + (\Delta X_{i,t})^2) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2(X_{i,t}^2 - (\Delta X_{i,t})^2) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (X_{i,t}^2 - 2X_{i,t}\Delta X_{i,t} + (\Delta X_{i,t})^2) \right] W_{i,t} \\ &= W_{i,t} [2(\Delta X_{i,t})^2] W_{i,t}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

According to Eq. (12), we can express  $(\Delta X_{i,t})^2$  in terms of  $X_{i,t}^2$  and  $X_{i,t+1}X_{i,t-1}$ :

$$(\Delta X_{i,t})^2 \approx X_{i,t}^2 - X_{i,t+1}X_{i,t-1}. \quad (14)$$

Substituting Eq. (14) into Eq. (13), we obtain:

$$T_{i,t} \approx 2W_{i,t} (X_{i,t}^2 - X_{i,t+1}X_{i,t-1}) W_{i,t}. \quad (15)$$

The final Eq. (15) represents a generalized form of the TEO mechanism, where the attention score  $M_{i,t}$  is formulated in terms of the squared values of the signal and the interaction between neighboring points.

## II. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BASELINE MODELS

- 1) Crossformer [30]: Divides fault data into patches using Dimension-Segment-Wise Embedding and applies attention in both time and feature dimensions through a Two-Stage Attention Layer. Fault features are extracted via a Hierarchical Encoder-Decoder mechanism for detection.
- 2) ETSformer [37]: Uses temporal convolution filters and multi-head exponential smoothing attention to extract fault features. Growth and seasonality are modeled through stacked modules, and the decoder further processes these features for fault detection.
- 3) FEDformer [38]: Uses an encoder-decoder structure, with a Period-Trend Decomposition module to split sequences into trend and periodic components. The encoder focuses on periodic components using frequency attention, while the decoder extracts fault features.
- 4) Informer [31]: Uses a Transformer-based Encoder, embedding fault data and applying ProbSparse multi-head self-attention and attention distillation in multiple layers to output fault features.
- 5) MICN [32]: Decomposes sequences into seasonal and trend-period components using a multi-scale decomposition module. These components are modeled with MIC Multi-scale Isometric Convolution layers and linear regression to generate fault features.
- 6) Pyraformer [33]: Constructs multi-resolution trees using Coarse-Scale Construction Module. Fault features are generated through pyramid attention, residual modules, and feedforward networks in multiple encoder layers.
- 7) Transformer [34]: Uses multiple Encoder layers with multi-head self-attention, residual connections, and feed-forward layers to extract features. Masked and cross-attention mechanisms are applied in the decoder for final fault features.
- 8) TimesNet [35]: Uses Fourier Transform to convert time series to the frequency domain. Extracts key frequency

information and builds 2D time series, using parameter-efficient inception blocks and residual connections to extract fault features.

- 9) DCNN-Transformer [36]: Applies 1D deep CNN to extract features, followed by a Transformer encoder for sequence learning. Uses attention mechanisms to capture long-term dependencies for fault detection.
- 10) TP-FCN [27]: Encodes and segments fault signals, creating ZSV-ZSC images. Uses a dual-path fully convolutional network to estimate fault initiation time and extent.
- 11) DC-CNN [39]: Uses STFT to extract frequency features from fault signals. Constructs time-frequency feature images and inputs them to a fully connected layer with maxout units for fault detection.