*ML22/23-12: Implement Anomaly Detection Sample*

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*Abstract*—HTM (Hierarchical Temporal Memory) is an impactful machine learning algorithm approach that is biologically inspired in both aspects, structurally and functionally, by the neocortex of a human brain that processes time series data in a distributed manner using a hierarchical network of nodes. HTM works in a decentralized manner with the help of a tiered arrangement that allows each node and column to learn and recognize patterns in input data. This feature enables actions such as processing information, recognizing and identifying patterns, and making future predictions based on previous learning. This is a potential approach which can be used for anomaly detection and prediction in numerous sectors such as healthcare, finance, geological disasters, cyber-intrusion detection, military surveillance, system fault detection. This paper presents an anomaly detection sample using an HTM model trained on multiple simple numeric integer sequences. This model learns patterns from the input data and identifies anomalies by comparing real data with predicted data from learning within a set tolerance threshold. The paper also provides a detailed explanation of anomaly detection techniques with algorithm implementation.

Keywords—HTM, anomaly detection, machine learning, multi-sequence learning, NeoCortex API.

# Introduction

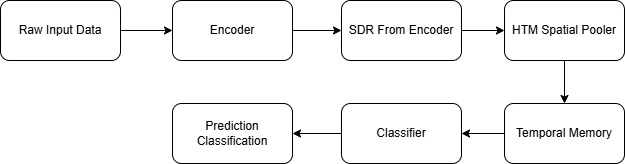
Hierarchical Temporal Memory (HTM), a biologically constrained machine intelligence technique, was created by Numenta. It was first published in 2004 by Sandra Blakeslee and Jeff Hawkins, a brain scientist and the founder of the Redwood Neuroscience Research Institute [1]. This machine learning algorithm works based on the theory of how the biological neocortex works, and this approach basically depends on principles of the Thousand Brains Theory. The fundamental of this approach is responsible for higher order processes like language, conscious movement and thought, and sensory perception [2]. HTM design and operation are modeled after the neocortex, a sizable, intricate region of the human brain. HTM aims to replicate the same fundamental neocortical processes by recognizing complex temporal patterns and correlations in data and making future predictions from them [3].

Hierarchy in HTM refers to the layered structure of a neural network, which consists of multiple layers of neurons. Each layer performs a specific type of computation, and information is passed on from lower layers to higher layers for further processing. The lower layers receive input from the environment, such as sensory data, and encode the input into a distributed representation in these layers. It is especially well-suited for sequence learning modeling, similar to RNN methods, like Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent unit (GRU) [3].

HTM can be viewed as a specific kind of hierarchical Bayesian model. It also uses spatial-temporal theory to learn the structure and invariance of the space of problems [4]. By following its characteristics HTM has also been applied to anomaly detection in recent years. An anomaly is something that deviates from the typical or expected state. Anomalies are sometimes referred to as outliers, discordant observations, exceptions, aberrations, surprises, etc. Finding anomalous patterns in data is known as anomaly detection. A large portion of the data in the world is time-series, streaming data, and in crucial situations, anomalies can provide important information. Examples of this can be found in a variety of industries, including energy, IT, security, finance, and medicine. It's challenging to find anomalies in streaming data, detectors must process data in real-time rather than in batches and learn while making predictions. The effectiveness of real-time anomaly detectors cannot be sufficiently tested or scored using any benchmarks. The ideal detector would function with real-world time-series data across several domains, identify all abnormalities as quickly as feasible, avoid false alarms, and automatically adjust to changing statistics [4]. Because the Hierarchical Temporal Memory Cortical Learning Algorithm (HTM CLA) has most of the properties, its use in anomaly detection is becoming more and more popular.

In HTM CLA several essential elements are included to handle input data. The raw input data is first encoded and transformed into a sparse distributed representation(SDR) using an encoder. This SDR, which includes binary information with few active bits, is made more robust to noise by passing it via a spatial pooler. The Temporal Memory component, which is responsible for recognizing and detecting patterns in the data, then processes the output. The Classifier component uses these learned patterns to classify input data and predict new patterns. Additionally, over time, the system will continuously learn new patterns thanks to the Homeostatic Plasticity Controller [3].

Figure 1 shows how input data is processed in an HTM system.



**Figure 1: How HTM System works**

# MethodS

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# Results

This Part of the text describes results of your works. There can only be mentioned references, MUST point back to Methods and Intro chapter. No more external references.

Code examples must be provided to demonstrate how to use the algorithm/module. Provide a reference to more unit tests, which show the same in more detail. Also provide all diagrams with comments and reference to unit tests, which generate diagrams.

# Discussion

The conclusion of your work should be precise and concise. How was the project, what was done, what was the result. There can be discussion on further work and direction.

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