

Reimagining Anomalies: What If Anomalies Were Normal?

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Abstract

Deep learning-based methods have achieved a breakthrough in image anomaly detection, but their complexity introduces a considerable challenge to understanding *why* an instance is predicted to be anomalous. We introduce a novel explanation method that generates multiple counterfactual examples for each anomaly, capturing diverse concepts of anomalousness. A counterfactual example is a modification of the anomaly that is perceived as normal by the anomaly detector. The method provides a high-level semantic explanation of the mechanism that triggered the anomaly detector, allowing users to explore “what-if scenarios”. Qualitative and quantitative analyses across various image datasets show that the method applied to state-of-the-art anomaly detectors can achieve high-quality semantic explanations of detectors.

1 Introduction

Anomaly detection is the task of identifying patterns that deviate from normal behavior, the so-called *anomalies*. These anomalies can correspond to crucial actionable information in various domains such as medicine, manufacturing, surveillance, and environmental monitoring [Chandola et al., 2009, Hartung et al., 2023].

Recently, deep learning-based methods have shown tremendous success in anomaly detection (AD), reducing error rates to approximately 1% in numerous well-established image benchmarks [Reiss et al., 2021, Deecke et al., 2021, Ruff et al., 2021, Liznerski et al., 2022]. However, deep learning-based anomaly detectors lack the out-of-the-box interpretability of their traditional counterparts, making it difficult to understand the reasoning behind their predictions [Liznerski et al., 2021]. Their lack of transparency is particularly concerning in sectors where safety is crucial and in situations where building trust or preventing social biases are essential [Gupta et al., 2018, Montavon et al., 2018, Samek et al., 2020]. Understanding modern anomaly detectors is a major challenge in con-

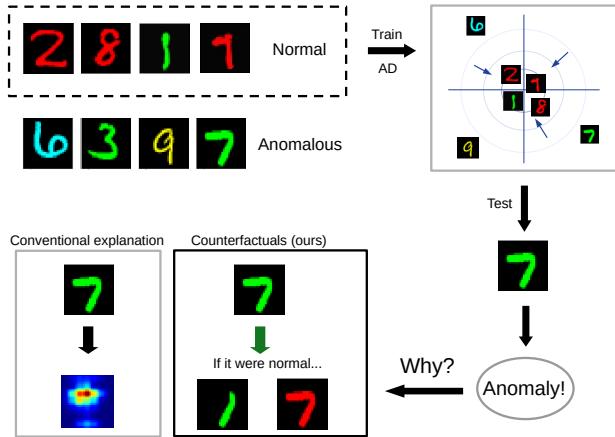


Figure 1: The figure illustrates the benefit of counterfactual explanation of anomaly detectors over traditional methods, using the Colored-MNIST dataset of handwritten digits in various colors. The normal data (top left) consist of digits colored red and instances of the digit one in any color. An example anomaly—a green seven—is shown on the right. Conventional explanation methods localize the anomaly within the image and highlight it on a heatmap (bottom left). Note how the heatmap accentuates the horizontal bar that distinguishes the seven from a one. In contrast, the proposed method transforms the anomaly into multiple counterfactuals, e.g., by erasing the seven’s horizontal bar or altering its color to appear normal. Thus, the proposed counterfactual explanation method addresses the crucial question: “How must the anomaly be altered to appear normal to the detector?”

temporary AD and a necessary step before using AD in decision-making systems [Ruff et al., 2021].

Although feature-attribution techniques such as anomaly heatmaps [Liznerski et al., 2021, Gudovskiy et al., 2022, Roth et al., 2022] have been explored, they do not explain the underlying semantics of anomalies relevant to the decision-making of the detectors. In domains beyond AD, counterfactual explanation (CE) has emerged as a popular alternative. CE generates synthetic samples that change the model’s prediction with minimal alterations to the original sample [Ghandeharioun et al., 2021, Abid et al., 2022]. CEs are user-friendly and can provide explanations on a higher, semantic level, such as illustrated in Figure 1.

In this paper, we propose the use of CE to explain anomaly detectors. To our knowledge, this paper presents the first study of CE in modern image AD based on deep learning. The AD setting comes with several considerable challenges. Anomalies can be rare and unlabeled in AD, making it hard to synthesize realistic counterfactuals based on semantically meaningful concepts that are understandable to humans. Furthermore, normal samples often have limited diversity in AD, which complicates training modern deep generative models.

Contributions This paper introduces a novel unsupervised method to explain image anomaly detectors using counterfactual examples. While previous approaches identify anomalous regions within images, the presented technique generates a set of counterfactual examples of each anomaly, capturing diverse disentangled aspects (see Figure 1). These counterfactual examples are created by transforming anomalous images into normal ones, guided by a specific aspect. The method provides semantic explanations of anomaly detectors, highlighting the higher-level aspects of an anomaly that triggered the detector. CE allows users to explore “what-if” scenarios (see Figure 1), improving the understanding of the anomaly factors at an unprecedented level of abstraction. Qualitative and quantitative analyses across various well-established image datasets show the effectiveness of the method when applied to state-of-the-art anomaly detectors.

2 Related work

Over the last decade, there has been a significant increase in research on improving the interpretability of non-linear ML methods, particularly neural networks. This surge is driven by the increasingly widespread use of ML in decision-making systems, where the transparency of predictions is imperative and required even by law in many countries [Neuwirth, 2022]. In the following, we discuss the research articles that have the greatest relevance to the proposed work. For a general overview of the area of *explainable AI*, we refer to the survey by Linardatos et al. [2020].

Explanation of image AD Prior research in explainable image AD has focused predominantly on feature attribution methods, which identify areas in images that influence predictions. Some methods trace an importance score from the model output back to the pixels [Selvaraju et al., 2017, Zhang et al., 2018], others alter parts of the image and measure the impact on the model output. These alterations can include masking and noiseing [Fong and Vedaldi, 2017], blurring [Fong and Vedaldi, 2017], pixel values [Dhurandhar et al., 2018], or model outputs [Zintgraf et al., 2017]. Some of these approaches have been applied to AD [Liznerski et al., 2021, Li et al., 2021, Wang et al., 2021]. Several methods generate explanations using generative models or autoencoders, where the pixel-wise reconstruction error yields an anomaly heatmap [Baur et al., 2019,

Bergmann et al., 2019, Dehaene et al., 2020, Liu et al., 2020, Venkataramanan et al., 2020]. Others use fully convolutional architectures [Liznerski et al., 2021] or transfer learning [Defard et al., 2021, Roth et al., 2022]. All these methods visualize the regions within an image that influence the detector’s prediction; however, they do not explain the detectors at a higher semantic level [Alqaraawi et al., 2020, Adebayo et al., 2018].

Counterfactual explanation of neural networks on images CE methods [Guidotti, 2022] identify the necessary changes in the input to alter the model prediction in a specific way. Unlike feature-attribution techniques, CE methods can explain predictions at a more sophisticated semantic level. These explanations can offer valuable information that improves understanding of model behavior and aligns more closely with human cognition [Pearl, 2009]. Existing CE algorithms are designed primarily for supervised learning on tabular data [Wachter et al., 2017, Mothilal et al., 2020, Guidotti, 2022]. Some recent studies have also explored the application of CE in image classification [Goyal et al., 2019, Ghandeharioun et al., 2021, Abid et al., 2022, Singla et al., 2023]. DISSECT [Ghandeharioun et al., 2021] stands out with its ability to generate multiple CEs with disentangled high-level concepts. However, to date, there is no existing work on the application of CE for image AD.

Counterfactual explanation of AD on shallow data So far, CE methods for AD have been applied only to “shallow” data types, such as tables [Angiulli et al., 2023, Datta et al., 2022a, Han et al., 2023] or time series [Sulem et al., 2022, Cheng et al., 2022]. These methods use knowledge graphs or structural causal models to generate counterfactuals for categorical features [Datta et al., 2022b, Han et al., 2023] or take advantage of temporal aspects [Sulem et al., 2022, Cheng et al., 2022]. Some of these methods have been applied to fairness [Han et al., 2023] and algorithmic recourse [Datta et al., 2022a]. None of the CE methods for AD are applicable to images, nor are they capable of generating disentangled CEs. This capability is a distinctive feature of the proposed approach, which will be described in the following section.

3 Methodology

In this section, we formally introduce the proposed framework to create counterfactuals for image AD, using state-of-the-art generators. To the best of our knowledge, the approach is the first one to explain image AD using CE.

3.1 Counterfactual Explanations of Image AD

Our aim is to provide explanations for a given anomaly detector $\phi : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow [0, 1]$ that maps an image $x \in \mathbb{R}^D$ to an anomaly score $\alpha \in [0, 1]$. We define a CE for the detector ϕ and anomaly $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^D$ (i.e., $\phi(x^*) \gg 0$) as a

sample $\bar{\mathbf{x}}^*$ with $\phi(\bar{\mathbf{x}}^*) \approx 0$ and $\|\bar{\mathbf{x}}^* - \mathbf{x}^*\|_1 \leq \epsilon$ for an $\epsilon \geq 0$. In other words, a CE has to be normal according to ϕ whilst being minimally changed w.r.t. the original anomaly \mathbf{x}^* . It thus addresses the question: “What if the anomaly \mathbf{x} were normal?”, thereby explaining the behavior of the anomaly detector at a high semantic level.

To produce such CEs for deep AD, we need to train a generator $G : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^D$ to yield $G(\mathbf{x}^*) = \bar{\mathbf{x}}^*$. However, normal images can differ from anomalies in multiple ways, and thus multiple CEs may be required to adequately explain an anomaly. We want the generator to consider multiple concepts $k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$. Thus the generator becomes of the form $G : \mathbb{R}^D \times \{1, \dots, K\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^D$ and is supposed to yield $G(\mathbf{x}^*, k) = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k^*$ with $\|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k^* - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{k'}^*\|_1 \geq \epsilon'$.

The same data $\{(\mathbf{x}_0, y_0), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)\}$ can be used for training ϕ and G . Here $y_i = 0$ denotes normal samples and $y_i = 1$ anomalies. Note that in the AD setting, the training labels y_i are typically unknown and the majority of the samples are assumed to be normal.

3.2 Disentangled Counterfactual Explanations

Outside of the domain of AD, Ghandeharioun et al. [2021] have proposed Disentangled Simultaneous Explanations via Concept Traversal (DISSECT) to create CEs. DISSECT generates sequences of CEs with increasing impact on a classifier’s output. The proposed approach for CE of image anomaly detectors builds on this idea.

We modify the generator $G : \mathbb{R}^d \times [0, 1] \times \{1, \dots, K\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^D$ to also consider a target anomaly score α and expect the trained G to yield a sample with anomaly score of approximately α . Following DISSECT, we train G as a concept-disentangled GAN [Goodfellow et al., 2020]. To this end, we define a discriminator $D : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow [0, 1]$ and a concept classifier $R : \mathbb{R}^D \times \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow [0, 1]^K$. D is trained to distinguish between generated $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha,k} = G(\mathbf{x}, \alpha, k)$ and true samples from the dataset, encouraging *realistic* outcomes. R classifies the concept k for a sample $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha,k}$, encouraging the generated samples to be *concept-disentangled* on a semantic level. Further losses encourage the generator to incur *minimal changes* on the original sample \mathbf{x} and to yield target anomaly scores α (i.e., $\phi(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha,k}) \approx \alpha$).

The proposed method’s objective summarizes to

$$\min_{G,R} \max_D \lambda_{gan} (L_D(D) + L_G(G)) + \lambda_\phi L_\phi(G) + \lambda_{rec} L_{rec}(G) + \lambda_{rec} L_{cyc}(G) + \lambda_r L_{con}(G, R),$$

where $L_\phi(G)$ encourages for $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha,k}$ an anomaly score of α : $L_\phi(G) = \alpha \log(\phi(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha,k})) + (1 - \alpha) \log(1 - \phi(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha,k}))$.

The losses $L_D(D)$ and $L_G(G)$ can be any discriminative and generative GAN losses, respectively. Here, we employ a variant with spectral normalization Miyato et al. [2018] and hinge loss Miyato and Koyama [2018]:

$$L_G(G) = -D(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha,k}),$$

$$L_D(D) = -\min(0, -1 + D(\mathbf{x})) - \min(0, -1 - D(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha,k})).$$

The reconstruction loss

$$L_{rec}(G) = \|\mathbf{x} - G(\mathbf{x}, \phi(\mathbf{x}), k)\|_1$$

makes G reconstruct \mathbf{x} for every concept k , when conditioned on \mathbf{x} and its “true” anomaly score $\phi(\mathbf{x})$. This ensures that G remains unchanged in a sample when the sample already has the targeted anomaly score, overall encouraging minimal changes.

Similarly, the “cycle consistency loss” [Zhu et al., 2017]

$$L_{cyc}(G) = \|\mathbf{x} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha,k}\|_1,$$

where $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha,k} = G(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha,k}, \phi(\mathbf{x}), k)$, encourages G to recreate the sample \mathbf{x} , when targeting its true anomaly score $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ and being conditioned on any generated sample $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{k,\alpha}$ based on \mathbf{x} . It encourages minimal changes because the generator needs to be able to revert any change of \mathbf{x} .

$L_{con}(G, R)$ compels G to produce disentangled concepts:

$$L_{con}(G, R) = \mathbb{C}\left(k, R(\mathbf{x}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha,k})\right) + \mathbb{C}\left(k, R(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{k,\alpha}, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha,k})\right),$$

where \mathbb{C} denotes the cross entropy loss.

In summary, the losses encourage the generated samples $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha,k}$ to be semantically distinguishable for different concepts k while having an anomaly score of α according to ϕ and undergoing minimal changes with respect to the original \mathbf{x} . This results in a disentangled set of K counterfactual examples for an anomaly \mathbf{x}^* with $\{G(\mathbf{x}^*, 0, 1), \dots, G(\mathbf{x}^*, 0, K)\}$. Furthermore, the generator can also produce pseudo anomalies $G(\mathbf{x}, \alpha, K)$ when $\phi(\mathbf{x}) \approx 0$ and $\alpha \gg 0$, which can help G learning how to turn anomalies into normal samples, when included in L_ϕ .

3.3 Deep Anomaly Detection

The proposed CE framework is general and can be applied to any anomaly detector that produces real-valued anomaly scores. In this paper, we specifically study three state-of-the-art anomaly detectors that are reviewed below.

DSVDD One of the first deep approaches to AD is Deep Support Vector Data Description (DSVDD) [Ruff et al., 2018]. Similar to many AD methods, DSVDD is unsupervised, employing an unlabeled corpus of data for training. DSVDD trains a neural network $\phi_\theta : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ with parameters θ to map the training data $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^D$ into a semantic space \mathbb{R}^d , where it can be enclosed by a minimal volume hypersphere: $\min_\theta \sum_{i=1}^n \|\phi_\theta(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathbf{c}\|^2$. In contrast to shallow SVDD [Tax and Duin, 2004], the hypersphere center $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is first randomly initialized and then kept fixed while training. The rationale behind DSVDD is the following. The network is trained to ensure that the normal data clusters tightly within the semantic space. This property might not hold for anomalies, becoming evident through the anomaly’s relatively large distance

from the center. This distance is then used as the anomaly score. Since the CE generator requires bounded anomaly scores, we slightly adjust the DSVDD objective to the following:

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|\phi_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathbf{c}\|^2}{1 + \|\phi_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathbf{c}\|^2}.$$

Outlier Exposure AD has traditionally been approached as an unsupervised learning problem due to the lack of sufficient training data to characterize the diverse anomaly class, which encompasses *everything different* from the normal data. However, Hendrycks et al. [2019a] showed that *Outlier Exposure* (OE)—the approach of using a large unstructured collection of natural images as example anomalies during training—consistently outperforms purely unsupervised AD methods across various image-AD benchmarks. These auxiliary data are called OE samples. It has been found that training a Binary Cross Entropy (BCE) loss to discriminate between the normal data and OE samples performs competitively for most image-AD tasks. We use the OE samples both for training the detector’s network ϕ and the generator G . The generator G is thus trained on a more diverse training set that also contains some further examples of presumably anomalous training samples.

Hypersphere Classification Although OE has proven to be effective in many benchmarks, there are still scenarios where OE samples do not sufficiently represent the anomalies, especially when the normal data are not natural images [Liznerski et al., 2021]. To benefit from insufficiently representative training anomalies, the community has further developed *semi-supervised* AD methods [Görnitz et al., 2014, Ruff et al., 2020]. One of the most competitive semi-supervised AD techniques is *HyperSphere Classification* (HSC) [Liznerski et al., 2022]. When combined with OE, the authors observed that this method becomes more robust to the selection of OE data. The HSC loss is a semi-supervised modification of the DSVDD loss:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \cdot h(\phi_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i)) - (1-y_i) \log(1 - \exp(-h(\phi_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i)))),$$

where h is the Pseudo-Huber loss $h(z) = \sqrt{\|z\|^2 + 1} - 1$.

We employ HSC’s original objective but slightly modify the anomaly score from $h(\phi_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i))$ to

$$1 - \exp(-h(\phi_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i))),$$

again obtaining bounded anomaly scores for training the proposed counterfactual generator.

4 Experiments

In this section, we empirically assess the capabilities of CEs for deep AD. The evaluation provides qualitative (Section 4.2) and quantitative (Section 4.3) evidence of the

superiority of the proposed CEs over their traditional counterparts. Notably, the experiments expose a previously unreported bias of supervised classifiers when used in the AD setting (Section 4.4).

4.1 Experimental Details

We describe the datasets on which we experiment, the experimental setup, and the implementation of the method.

Datasets We evaluate the proposed approach on the following datasets:

- MNIST [Deng, 2012] is a dataset of grayscale images of handwritten digits with a class for each digit. Following [Liznerski et al., 2021], we use EMNIST (images of handwritten letters) [Cohen et al., 2017] as OE.
- Colored-MNIST, where for each sample in MNIST, copies are created in seven colors (red, yellow, green, cyan, blue, pink, and gray). Analogously, we employ a colored version of EMNIST as OE.
- CIFAR-10 [Krizhevsky et al., 2009] is a dataset of natural images with ten classes, such as cat, ship, or truck. Previous works used 80 Mio. Tiny Images as OE [Hendrycks et al., 2019b]. Since this dataset has been withdrawn due to offensive data [Birhane and Prabhu, 2021], we instead use the disjunct CIFAR-100 dataset as OE, which yields approximately the same performance (here 96.0% average AuROC, as reported in Table 9, vs. 96.1% AuROC in Liznerski et al. [2022]).
- GTSDB [Houben et al., 2013] is a dataset of German traffic signs. We use CIFAR-100 as OE.

Experimental Setup Following previous work on image-AD [Ruff et al., 2018, Golan and El-Yaniv, 2018, Hendrycks et al., 2019a,b, Ruff et al., 2020, Tack et al., 2020, Ruff et al., 2021, Liznerski et al., 2021, 2022], we convert several multi-class classification datasets into AD benchmarks. This is achieved by defining a subset of the classes to be normal and using the remaining classes as ground-truth anomalies during testing. When only one class is considered normal, this approach is known as one vs. rest. In addition to investigating one vs. rest, we also explore a variation in which multiple classes are normal. This setting emulates a multifaceted normal class that includes different notions of normality. Since our method disentangles multiple aspects of the normal data, we hypothesize that it possesses the capability to capture these diverse facets of normality.

For both the MNIST and CIFAR-10 datasets, we construct 30 distinct scenarios: ten scenarios wherein each individual class serves as the normal data, and an additional 20 scenarios featuring various combinations of classes as normal. For the Colored-MNIST dataset, we define seven normal class scenarios through combinations of colors and digits. We consider ten different normal class sets for the GTSDB dataset. For each scenario and several random seeds, we train an AD model and a CE generator. Details

of all scenarios are given in Appendix D. Our quantitative analysis reports results averaged over all scenarios and four seeds. Detailed quantitative results for each scenario can be found in Appendix D and a collection of further qualitative results in Appendix E.

Implementation Details In our experiments, we generate and compare CEs using three state-of-the-art deep AD methods: BCE, HSC, and DSVDD (see Section 3.3). We employ conventional convolutional neural networks with up to five layers for the AD methods. The concept classifier is a small ResNet [He et al., 2016] with two blocks. Both the discriminator and generator are wide ResNets [Zagoruyko and Komodakis, 2016] with four blocks. The λ parameters in our loss (Section 3.2) are set to reasonable values that have been found to perform well across all settings. The hyperparameters of the AD methods are chosen as in previous work [Ruff et al., 2018, Liznerski et al., 2022]. The epochs and augmentation are slightly reduced for faster training. A description of all hyperparameters and network architectures is given in Appendix C for both the CE generator and AD methods.

4.2 Qualitative Results

In this section, we present qualitative examples of CEs on four datasets, demonstrating the benefit of using CE for AD over traditional explanation methods such as anomaly heatmaps.

4.2.1 Counterfactuals can explain why images are predicted anomalous

Colored-MNIST Figure 2 shows CEs for Colored-MNIST, when the normal class is formed of instances of the digit one and digits colored cyan. We observe that the CEs generated to explain the BCE detector align well with our expectation. The proposed method transforms the anomalies into ones without changing the color, or their color is changed to cyan without changing the digit. Both modifications are minimal alterations of the anomaly, transforming its appearance to normality in two distinct ways.

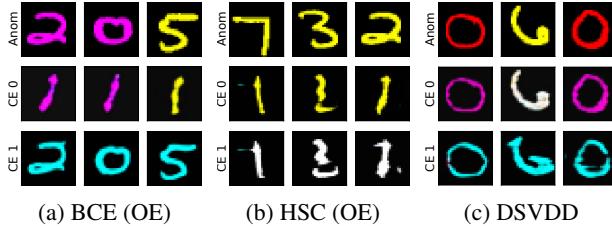


Figure 2: Examples of CEs for the Colored-MNIST dataset, with digits colored cyan and the digit one serving as the normal class. The first row shows the most anomalous images, and the other two rows present CEs derived from these anomalies, using two different concepts. The CEs of BCE and HSC appear normal for each concept.

The CEs of the HSC method also mostly correspond to normal samples, as expected. However, in some cases both the color and the digit is changed, resulting in unnecessary changes. We found that this behavior represents a local optimum of the objective of our method, highlighting the inherent difficulty of the unsupervised generation of CEs for AD. The CEs created to explain the DSVDD detector perform the least effectively. They tend to appear normal for one concept but often fail for the other concept. This behavior may be attributed to DSVDD’s limited ability to detect anomalies, when compared with the more competitive BCE and HSC detectors, which have the advantage of having access to OE.

MNIST In Figures 3 and 4, a single digit (seven) or multiple digits (eight and nine) are considered normal, respectively. When the single digit seven is considered normal, the CEs of BCE and HSC are meaningful: the anomalies are transformed into distinct variations of seven. As expected, the CEs of DSVDD are generally of worse quality, sometimes resulting in mere reconstructions of the original anomalous images. Notably, when both the digits eight and nine are considered normal, some anomalies are turned into eights, and others into nines. This observation confirms our hypothesis that the proposed method can correctly reveal diverse notations of normality in multifaceted normal data.

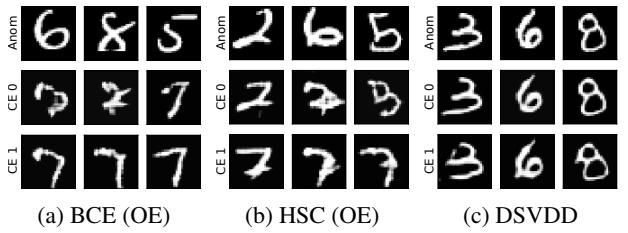


Figure 3: Examples of CEs for MNIST, with the digit seven as the normal class. The first row shows the most anomalous images, the other two rows show CEs using two different concepts. CEs of BCE and HSC are variations of seven and thus represent intuitive counterfactuals.

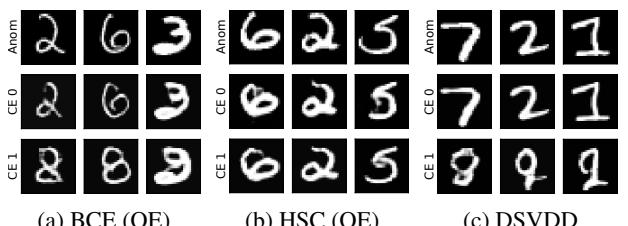


Figure 4: Examples of CEs for MNIST, with digits eight and nine forming the normal class. The first row shows the most anomalous images, the other two rows show CEs using two different concepts. CEs of BCE and DSVDD resemble normal eights or nines for the second concept.

CIFAR-10 Especially for BCE, the CEs for CIFAR-10 in Figure 5 represent intuitive normal samples (ships) that retain the anomalous object’s color to incur minimal changes on the anomaly. The CEs generated for HSC and BCE primarily disentangle the concepts by changing the background. Typically, ships are depicted floating on water, which may vary in color without becoming anomalous. Again, CEs for DSVDD are generally worse, revealing weaknesses of DSVDD as discussed in detail in Appendix A. We refer to Appendix E for more experimental results using other normal classes, showcasing that the CEs exhibit a similar behavior for other classes and combinations of classes forming normality.

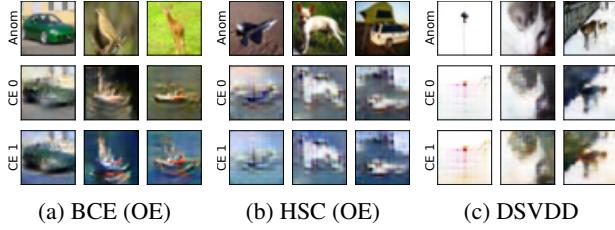


Figure 5: Examples of CEs for CIFAR-10, where images of ships are considered normal. The first row shows the most anomalous images, the other two rows present CEs using two different concepts. The CEs of BCE and HSC display normal ships, varying the background for successful disentanglement while keeping the object’s color to avoid unnecessary changes.

GTSDB Figure 6 shows the proposed CEs for the GTSDB dataset, when speed signs are taken as a normal class. Again, we refer to Appendix E for more experimental results using other normal scenarios with similar findings. The CEs of BCE and HSC show well-disentangled normal traffic signs, which are obtained from anomalous signs. For instance, the CE of BCE changes the “80km/h restriction ends” sign into a “80km/h limit” sign, which is a minimal intervention to make the sample appear normal.

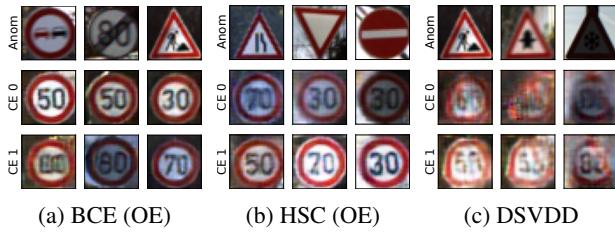


Figure 6: CEs for the GTSDB dataset with images of speed signs forming the normal class. The first row shows the most anomalous images, the other two rows depict CEs corresponding to two different aspects of normality. The CEs of BCE and HSC show well-disentangled normal speed signs with minimal alterations w.r.t. the original anomaly. For instance, the CE transforms the “80km/h restriction ends” into an “80km/h limit” sign.

4.2.2 Counterfactuals can explain why images are predicted anomalous—even when feature attribution fails

In this section, we demonstrate the advantage of the proposed CEs over conventional explanation techniques that attribute features to localize anomalies. Figure 7 (a) shows CEs generated with our method and (b) heatmaps for the corresponding anomalies generated with Fully Convolutional Data Description (FCDD) [Liznerski et al., 2021].

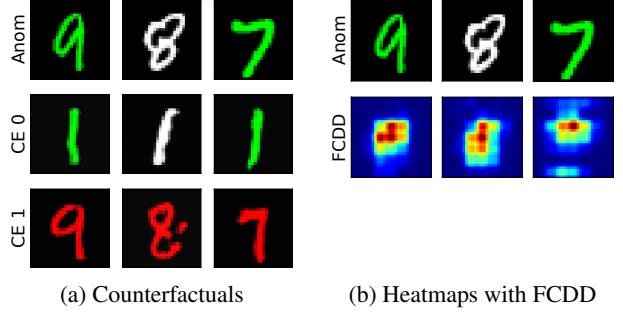


Figure 7: The first row shows anomalies from Colored-MNIST, with red digits and the digit one forming the normal class. The other rows show (a) corresponding CEs for two concepts, and (b) anomaly heatmaps generated with FCDD [Liznerski et al., 2021]. The CEs explain the anomaly detector that perceives anomalies turned red or into one as normal, while heatmaps just highlight the difference to one.

FCDD’s heatmaps explain only spatial aspects of the anomalies: FCDD highlights the horizontal bar in digit seven, the circle in digit nine, and almost all of digit eight. These spatial aspects of anomalies are also explained by the CEs created for the first concept, where the anomalies are turned into the digit one. However, FCDD’s heatmaps fail to identify the color as being anomalous, whereas the proposed CEs capture this aspect with their second concept, where the anomalies are colored red, making them appear normal to the detector. This demonstrates that CEs can provide more holistic explanations of anomalies, at a higher semantic level.

4.3 Quantitative Results

This section presents a quantitative analysis of the CEs, assessing their normality, realism, disentanglement, and suitability for training anomaly detectors in terms of various metrics based on AuROC, FID, and accuracy. These metrics are described in detail in Appendix B.

4.3.1 The counterfactuals appear normal

An important attribute for any CE in deep AD is that it must be perceived as normal by the anomaly detector. To evaluate this quality criterion, we compare the anomaly

scores of the normal test samples with those of the generated CEs in terms of AuROC. Ideally, the AuROC should approach 50%, indicating that CE and normal samples are indistinguishable. As shown in Table 1, the AuROC is indeed very close to 50% on CIFAR-10, GTSDB, and Colored-MNIST (here abbreviated as C-MNIST), underlining that the detector perceives the CEs as normal. Only on MNIST, some of the CEs appear anomalous. This might be due to the enforced disentanglement that produces diverse samples despite of the limited variety of possible normal variations of an anomaly on MNIST.

Table 1: The AuROC of normal test samples vs. CEs. Most of the CEs are perceived as normal with an AuROC close to 50%.

Method	Single normal classes		Multiple normal classes			
	MNIST	CIFAR-10	C-MNIST	MNIST	CIFAR-10	GTSDB
BCE OE	72.0 ± 4.0	47.5 ± 10.0	55.6 ± 1.5	78.1 ± 4.1	49.0 ± 8.5	50.2 ± 8.0
HSC OE	80.8 ± 5.3	49.9 ± 4.4	55.8 ± 4.7	82.1 ± 3.8	44.4 ± 6.7	48.6 ± 14.4
DSVDD	75.2 ± 9.2	54.6 ± 3.4	61.5 ± 4.3	73.4 ± 6.5	50.7 ± 3.3	53.1 ± 4.8

4.3.2 The counterfactuals can be used to train an anomaly detector effectively

If the CEs resemble normal images, they will be viable as normal training samples. We retrain the AD methods using CEs in place of the normal training set and report the AuROC for normal vs. anomalous test samples in Table 2.

Table 2: AuROC of normal vs. anomalous test samples when the anomaly detector is trained with the normal training set being substituted with CEs. The results indicate that the CEs are viable normal training samples, as the AuROC values are mostly significantly above the chance level of 50%.

Method	Single normal classes		Multiple normal classes			
	MNIST	CIFAR-10	C-MNIST	MNIST	CIFAR-10	GTSDB
BCE OE	91.3 ± 4.6	59.0 ± 6.1	80.6 ± 4.5	62.2 ± 13.2	58.7 ± 4.6	90.1 ± 5.3
HSC OE	85.6 ± 9.2	54.8 ± 2.6	81.7 ± 4.8	54.7 ± 9.9	53.1 ± 1.8	89.9 ± 5.1
DSVDD	46.2 ± 10.5	50.8 ± 3.2	59.9 ± 8.4	41.6 ± 4.5	49.7 ± 4.1	58.4 ± 7.0

The AD methods significantly outperform a random detector when trained with CEs, affirming their viability as normal samples. A notable exception is DSVDD, a method that does not utilize OE and struggles when trained purely with CEs. Table 3 shows the AuROC values when the models are trained with the proper normal training set.

Table 3: AD performance in terms of the AuROC of normal vs. anomalous test samples. BCE and HSC outperform DSVDD and consistently yield error rates of less than 10%.

Method	Single normal classes		Multiple normal classes			
	MNIST	CIFAR-10	C-MNIST	MNIST	CIFAR-10	GTSDB
BCE OE	97.7 ± 1.5	96.0 ± 2.5	97.1 ± 1.0	93.5 ± 2.8	93.8 ± 2.7	94.3 ± 4.7
HSC OE	97.6 ± 1.6	95.9 ± 2.5	95.7 ± 2.3	92.9 ± 3.3	94.0 ± 2.7	93.0 ± 5.6
DSVDD	78.8 ± 8.6	55.4 ± 4.7	76.9 ± 6.5	75.4 ± 7.1	52.6 ± 3.6	58.2 ± 6.7

4.3.3 The counterfactuals are realistic

To assess the realism of the CEs, we compute the FID between them and normal test samples. For an intuitive score, we normalize the FID for CEs by dividing through the FID between normal and anomalous test samples. The normalized FID is 100% if the CEs are equally realistic as the anomalies. Details are provided in Appendix B. We found that a normalized FID of 50 to 100% is a reasonable target for expressive CEs. If the CEs became too similar to the normal data distribution, they would not be valid counterfactuals, as they would not retain non-anomalous features from the anomalies. Table 4 displays the normalized FID scores. The CEs for BCE and HSC are mostly as realistic as the anomalies. On MNIST and Color-MNIST, the CEs are even more realistic than the anomalies. As CEs for DSVDD tend to reconstruct anomalies, their realism is also reasonable.

Table 4: Normalized FID scores for the CEs. Most of the CEs are as realistic as the anomalies, which are also realistic since they follow the general data distribution (e.g., are digits in case of MNIST).

Method	Single normal classes		Multiple normal classes			
	MNIST	CIFAR-10	C-MNIST	MNIST	CIFAR-10	GTSDB
BCE OE	43 ± 8.1	116 ± 20.8	56 ± 12.4	78 ± 26.0	103 ± 27.9	110 ± 101.8
HSC OE	68 ± 14.6	300 ± 90.0	95 ± 30.5	96 ± 25.0	254 ± 69.7	95 ± 73.5
DSVDD	100 ± 8.8	116 ± 12.0	83 ± 8.7	100 ± 10.7	110 ± 10.0	131 ± 118.1

4.3.4 The counterfactuals capture multiple disentangled aspects

Here we show that, for each anomaly, our method generates concept-disentangled CEs. Recall that the concept classifier is trained to predict the concept of each CE (see Section 3). Consequently, we have a metric for assessing the disentanglement of the generated samples. We present the accuracy of this concept classifier in Table 5.

Table 5: The accuracy of the concept classifier for CEs. It is consistently high (except for DSVDD), showing that the CEs are disentangled based on different concepts.

Method	Single normal classes		Multiple normal classes			
	MNIST	CIFAR-10	C-MNIST	MNIST	CIFAR-10	GTSDB
BCE OE	94.3 ± 3.9	93.0 ± 4.3	99.4 ± 1.3	93.8 ± 5.1	86.2 ± 7.5	98.8 ± 0.8
HSC OE	90.8 ± 4.8	98.8 ± 3.2	98.9 ± 2.0	85.7 ± 9.6	98.9 ± 2.4	94.0 ± 8.4
DSVDD	77.5 ± 14.1	97.1 ± 2.9	98.0 ± 3.0	81.6 ± 11.3	92.2 ± 4.2	93.4 ± 4.5

Our models demonstrate a consistent ability to disentangle concepts effectively, with the exception of the results for DSVDD, which has a suboptimal AD performance, making it hard to provide explanations in general. Notably, disentanglement is effective even in the case where just one class is considered normal. On CIFAR-10, the generator exploits the background, whereas on MNIST, it generates disentangled variants of digits. We hypothesize that this strong disentanglement on MNIST is the reason behind the counterfactuals appearing less normal for MNIST.

4.4 Counterfactuals reveal a previously unreported classifier bias in deep AD

In this section, we present a scientific finding: classifiers may be biased when trained for deep AD. Although the hypothesis of “classification bias” has been circulating in the AD literature, suggesting that supervised classifiers may underperform when trained on limited and biased subsets of anomalies [Ruff et al., 2020], this hypothesis has not yet been thoroughly investigated. To examine this hypothesis, we train a supervised classifier on the Colored-MNIST dataset, aiming to distinguish between a normal set (consisting of red digits and the digit one) and a subset of the ground-truth anomalies, specifically all blue ground-truth anomalies. We select a subset of the anomalies for training to simulate a realistic scenario in which one has no access to all variations of the ground-truth anomalies. A key requirement in AD is the model’s ability to identify all forms of unseen anomalies. The classifier bias becomes apparent as the AuROC of normal test samples vs. ground-truth anomalies decreases from 98 for BCE with OE (unsupervised) to 75 for supervised BCE. Our CEs further illuminate this phenomenon, as depicted in Figure 8.

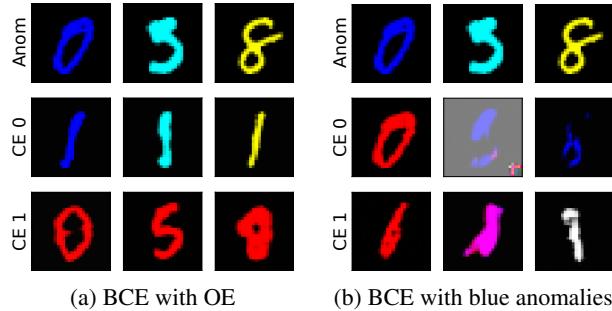


Figure 8: The first row shows anomalies for Colored-MNIST with red digits and the digit one forming the normal class. The other two rows present CEs of BCE trained with OE in (a) and of a classifier trained with just blue anomalous zero, which is seen during training, in (b). The generator’s inability to generate normal-looking CEs for anomalies other than blue suggests that the classifier in (b) is biased.

While our explanation for the AD method with OE in (a) indicates that anomalies should be transformed into red or digit one to appear normal, they depict a different picture for the supervised classifier in (b). Here, only for the blue anomalous zero, which is seen during training, the CEs roughly show intuitive normal versions of the anomaly. For other unseen anomalies, such as the cyan five or yellow eight, the explanations do not show intuitive normal images. This suggests that the classifier is biased towards detecting blue as anomalous and fails to generalize to other colors not present in the training set. This underlines the need for specialized AD methods (e.g., using OE or semi-supervised objectives) because they are less prone to bias. Our approach is the first to explain such a bias.

5 Conclusion

This paper introduced a novel method that can interpret image anomaly detectors at a semantic level. This is achieved by modifying anomalies until they are perceived as normal by the detector, creating instances known as counterfactuals. Counterfactuals play a crucial role in many scientific disciplines, from causal inference in epidemiology to decision-making in economics and predictive models in climate science. We found that counterfactuals can provide a deeper, more nuanced understanding of image anomaly detectors, far beyond the traditional feature-attribution level. Extensive experiments across various image benchmarks and deep anomaly detectors demonstrated the efficacy of the proposed approach. This research marks a paradigm shift and a significant departure from the more superficial interpretation of anomaly detectors using feature attribution, enhancing our understanding of detectors on a more abstract, semantic level. This may be a substantial milestone in the pursuit of more transparent and accountable AD systems.

Future work could investigate the application of CE to detect subtle defects, known as “low-level anomalies” [Ruff et al., 2021]. These anomalies, with their subtle characteristics, present a challenge to explainable AD [Bergmann et al., 2019], and CE promises to enhance our understanding of low-level anomaly detectors. Furthermore, future endeavors could seek to broaden the scope of our work by applying it to diverse data types, such as generating counterfactuals based on latent concepts within tabular data. Current research mainly focuses on altering features to generate counterfactuals, and the proposed method’s exploration of intricate latent factors in the data could greatly improve our understanding in complex data scenarios.

Broader impact

As an explanation technique, our method naturally aids in making deep AD more transparent. It may reveal biases in the model (see Section 4.4) and improve trustworthiness. For example, it may reveal a social bias when a portrait of a person is labeled anomalous due to race or gender. In this scenario, our method might generate CEs where merely the skin color has been changed. Applying our method can prevent a harmful deployment of such an AD model.

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A Limitations of our approach

In the main paper, we proposed a method to generate counterfactual explanations (CEs) for deep anomaly detection (AD). As seen in Section 4, the quality of the generated counterfactual explanations relies on the performance of the AD model. DSVDD without OE [Ruff et al., 2018] performs weakly on some image datasets. Consequently, CEs for DSVDD are often not very intuitive and sometimes collapse to a mere reconstruction of the anomaly. This happens because DSVDD struggles to recognize an anomaly and thus assigns a low anomaly score to it. Our method doesn't have a reason to change an anomaly to turn it normal for DSVDD. Another limitation of our method is that the generator might change more than necessary to turn the anomaly normal, thereby falling into a local optimum of the overall objective. Learning to balance the objectives of our method in an unsupervised manner is challenging, especially given the limited variety and amount of normal samples. Future work may improve upon this.

B Metrics

In this section, we provide details on the metrics used for the quantitative analysis in Section 4.3.

Normality of counterfactuals To assess the normality of the generated CEs, we computed the AuROC of normal test samples against CEs generated for all ground-truth anomalies from the test set. The Area Under the ROC curve (AuROC) is a widely recognized metric in the AD literature for comparing anomaly scores of normal and anomalous samples [Hanley and McNeil, 1982]. An AuROC of 1 indicates perfect separation between anomalies and normal samples, 0.5 corresponds to random guessing, and a score below 0.5 suggests anomalies appear more normal than the actual normal samples. To assess the normality of our CEs, we computed the AuROC with the anomalies being CEs. Then, an AuROC of significantly more than 0.5 indicates that the CEs retain some degree of anomalousness according to the chosen detector. An AuROC of 0.5 indicates that the CEs appear entirely normal, and for below 0.5 the CEs are even more normal than the normal test samples. This may happen when the anomaly detector doesn't generalize perfectly and hence perceives some normal test samples as somewhat anomalous.

Usefulness of counterfactuals for training AD To further evaluate the normality and realism of the CEs, we tested their ability to train a new anomaly detector. To this end, we replaced the entire normal training set with a collection of CEs generated for all ground-truth anomalies. With this modified training set, we retrained the AD methods, additionally using an outlier exposure set in case of BCE and HSC. If the CEs resemble normal images, the retrained anomaly detectors will outperform random guessing. We measure this by computing the AuROC for true normal vs. anomalous test samples and compare the outcome to the chance level, which is 0.5.

Realism of counterfactuals To assess the realism of generated samples, the standard approach involves computing the Fréchet inception distance (FID) introduced by Heusel et al. [2017] for GANs. The FID is the Wasserstein distance between the feature distributions of a generated dataset and a ground-truth dataset. The larger the distance, the less the generated dataset resembles the ground truth. The features are extracted using an InceptionNet v3 model [Szegedy et al., 2015] trained on ImageNet. In this paper, we used the normal test set as ground truth and a collection of CEs for all test anomalies as the generated dataset. For a more intuitive scoring, we also computed a second FID with the test anomalies as the generated dataset. Then, we normalize the FID for CEs by dividing through the FID for test anomalies. The normalized FID is 100% if the CEs are as realistic as the test anomalies, below 100% if they are more realistic, and 0% if they exactly match the normal test set. It is important to note that, although anomalies are naturally anomalous, they are still *realistic* in the sense that they come from the same classification dataset and thus follow the general distribution of, e.g., handwritten digits. A normalized FID of 100% is therefore sufficient for a counterfactual to be expressive. A normalized FID of close to 0% would actually be spurious, as the generator then seems to entirely reproduce normal samples that don't retain non-anomalous features from the anomaly.

Disentanglement of counterfactuals We also evaluated the disentanglement of the sets of CEs for each anomaly. As introduced in Section 3, the proposed method includes a concept classifier trained to predict the concept of each CE. Consequently, we have a metric for assessing the disentanglement of the generated samples. The larger the accuracy of this classifier, the stronger the disentanglement of the generated CEs. We chose a rather small network for the concept classifier to encourage the network no to overfit on non-semantic features to predict the concepts.

C Hyperparameters

In this section, we provide an exhaustive enumeration of all the hyperparameters that we used for training our AD and CE module. All hyperparameters were adopted from existing research [Ruff et al., 2018, Ghandeharioun et al., 2021, Liznerski et al., 2022]. We start by describing the CE module, which is the same for all datasets and AD objectives. Then we separately describe the AD module and other hyperparameters for MNIST, Colored-MNIST, CIFAR-10, and GTSDB.

C.1 The CE Module

Generator The generator is a wide ResNet [Zagoruyko and Komodakis, 2016] structured as an encoder-decoder network. The encoder consists of a sequential arrangement of a batch normalization layer, a convolutional layer with 64 kernels, and three residual blocks. Each residual block comprises two sets, each containing a conditional batch normalization layer [De Vries et al., 2017], followed by an activation function (ReLU), and a convolutional layer. The convolutional layers in these sets have 256, 512, and 1024 kernels, respectively, for the first, second, and third block. The initial two residual blocks employ average pooling in each set to reduce the spatial dimension of the feature maps by one-half of the input, while the third residual block is implemented without average pooling to maintain the spatial dimension. Conversely, the decoder follows a similar sequential arrangement, featuring three residual blocks, followed by a batch normalization layer, a final convolutional layer mapping to the image space, and an activation function (ReLU). Again, each residual block comprises two sets, each containing a conditional batch normalization layer, followed by ReLU activation, and a convolutional layer. The convolutional layers in these sets have 1024, 512, and 256 kernels, respectively, for the first, second, and third block. The first residual block in the decoder retains the spatial dimension, while the subsequent two residual blocks employ an interpolation layer in each set to upsample the spatial dimension by a multiplicative factor of 2 using nearest-neighbor interpolation. We apply spectral normalization to all layers of the decoder, following [Miyato et al., 2018]. The last layer of the decoder uses a tanh activation. The conditional information, i.e., the discretized target anomaly score α and the target concept k are transformed into a single categorical condition and processed through the categorical conditional batch normalization layers.

Discriminator The discriminator contains four residual blocks arranged sequentially, followed by a final linear layer mapping to a scalar. The first block is implemented with two convolutional layers with 64 kernels, where the first layer is followed by a ReLU activation and the second layer is followed by an average pooling with a kernel size of 2. The next two residual blocks consist of two convolutional layers, where each one is preceded by a ReLU activation and then in the end followed by an average pooling layer to reduce the spatial dimension to one-half of the input. The fourth residual block also contains two convolutional layers preceded by a ReLU, but does not use any downsampling. The number of kernels in the convolutional layers from the second to fourth block are 128, 256, and 512, respectively. We apply spectral normalization to all layers.

Concept Classifier The concept classifier is composed of two sequentially arranged residual blocks, succeeded by a linear layer with two outputs for the classification of two concepts. In the first residual block, three convolutional layers are employed with 64 kernels each. The initial convolutional layer is succeeded by a ReLU activation, and the last two convolutional layers are followed by average pooling layers, which reduce the spatial dimension by a factor of two. The second residual block consists of two convolutional layers with 128 kernels, each followed by a ReLU activation, followed by an average pooling with a kernel size of two. We take the sum over the remaining spatial dimension to prepare the output for the final linear layer. Again, we apply spectral normalization to all layers.

Training We train the generator to generate CEs with two disentangled concepts and a discretized target anomaly score $\alpha \in 0, 0.5, 1$. The CE module is trained for 350 (2000 for GTSDB) epochs with a batch size of 64 normal and, if used, 64 OE samples. The initial learning rate is set to $2e^{-4}$, with reductions by a multiplicative factor of 0.1 occurring after 300 and 325 epochs. For GTSDB, we instead use an initial learning rate of $1e^{-4}$ and reduce it after 1750 and 1900 epochs. We employ the Adam optimizer, with the generator and discriminator optimized every 1 and 5 batches, respectively. The CE objective involves a combination of different losses which are weighted using λ hyperparameters. Specifically, we set $\lambda_{gan} = 1$, $\lambda_{rec} = 100$, $\lambda_\phi = 1$, and $\lambda_r = 10$. For GTSDB, we instead set $\lambda_{gan} = 5$, $\lambda_{rec} = 20$, $\lambda_\phi = 1$, and $\lambda_r = 10$.

C.2 AD on MNIST

For MNIST and all following datasets, we trained anomaly detectors with a binary cross entropy (BCE) and hypersphere classification (HSC) loss, both with Outlier Exposure (OE) [Hendrycks et al., 2019a], as well as DSVDD [Ruff et al., 2018] without OE.

We use a LeNet-style neural network comprising layers arranged sequentially with no residual connections. The network contains four convolutional layers and two fully-connected layers. Each convolutional layer is followed by batch normalization, a leaky ReLU activation, and max-pooling. The first fully connected layer is followed by batch normalization and a leaky ReLU activation, while the last layer is only a linear transformation. The number of kernels in the convolutional layers are, from first to last, 4, 8, 16, and 32. The kernel size is increased from the default of 3 to 5 for all of these. The two fully connected layers have 64 and 32 units, respectively. For DSVDD we remove bias from the network, following [Ruff et al., 2018], and for BCE we add another linear layer with sigmoid activation.

We used Adam for optimization and balanced every batch to contain 128 normal and 128 OE samples during training. We trained the AD model for 80 epochs starting with a learning rate of $1e^{-4}$, which we reduced to $1e^{-5}$ after 60 epochs.

C.3 AD on Colored-MNIST

Based on the MNIST dataset, we created Colored-MNIST where for each sample in MNIST six copies in different colors (red, yellow, green, cyan, blue, pink) are created. We use a colored version of EMNIST as OE. The network for Colored-MNIST is a slight variation of the AD network used on MNIST. We remove the last convolutional layer and change the number of kernels for the convolutional layers to 16, 32, and 64, respectively.

We used Adam for optimization, balanced every batch to contain 128 normal and 128 OE samples during training, and train the AD model for 120 epochs, starting with a learning rate of $5e^{-5}$, reduced to $5e^{-6}$ after 100 epochs.

C.4 AD on CIFAR-10

For CIFAR-10, previous work used 80 Mio. Tiny Images as OE [Hendrycks et al., 2019b]. However, since 80 Mio. Tiny Images has officially been withdrawn due to offensive data, we instead use the disjunct CIFAR-100 dataset as OE. We found that this does not cause a significant drop of performance. Again, we use a slight variation of the AD network used on MNIST. We remove the last convolutional layer and change the number of kernels for the convolutional layers to 32, 64, and 128, respectively. The fully connected layers have 512 and 256 units instead.

We used Adam for optimization and balanced every batch to contain 128 normal and 128 OE samples during training. We trained the AD model for 200 epochs starting with a learning rate of $1e^{-3}$, which we reduced by a factor of 0.1 after 100 and 150 epochs.

C.5 AD on GTSDB

We use the same setup on GTSDB as on CIFAR-10.

D Full quantitative results per normal class

In the main paper, we proposed a method to generate counterfactual explanations (CEs) for deep anomaly detection on images. We also presented several objective evaluation techniques to validate their performance on MNIST, Colored-MNIST (C-MNIST), CIFAR-10, and GTSDB across different definitions of normality. Following previous work on semantic image-AD [Ruff et al., 2018, Golan and El-Yaniv, 2018, Hendrycks et al., 2019a,b, Ruff et al., 2020, Tack et al., 2020, Ruff et al., 2021, Liznerski et al., 2021, 2022], we turned classification datasets into AD benchmarks by defining a subset of the classes to be normal and using the remainder as ground-truth anomalies for testing. If just one class is normal, this approach is termed *one vs. rest* AD. Apart from investigating one vs. rest, we also explored a variation with multiple classes being normal. For our experiments, we considered all classes of MNIST and CIFAR-10 as single normal classes and, to keep the computational load at a reasonable level, a subset of 20 normal class combinations. The class combinations were chosen from $\{(i, (i+1) \bmod 10) | i \in \{0, \dots, 9\}\} \cup \{(i, (i+2) \bmod 10) | i \in \{0, \dots, 9\}\}$. For Colored-MNIST, we considered all combinations of color and the digit one as normal. For GTSDB, we considered the following pairs of street signs as normal: all four combinations of speed limit signs, the “give way” and stop sign, and the “danger” and “construction” warning sign. Additionally, we considered four larger sets of normal classes: all “restriction ends” signs, all speed limit signs, all blue signs, and all warning signs. In total, we consider ten different scenarios of normal definitions for GTSDB. For each scenario on each dataset, a new AD model and counterfactual generator was trained for four random seeds.

Due to space constraints, we reported our quantitative results averaged over all normal definitions in the main paper. Here, we report results averaged over four random seeds separately for each normal definition. We consider the following metrics from the main paper:

- The AD AuROC (Section 4.3.2) is the AuROC of normal vs. anomalous test samples, thereby measuring the AD performance of the AD model. 50% is random, 100% indicates optimal separation.
- The CF AuROC (Section 4.3.1) is the AuROC of normal test samples vs. counterfactuals. The counterfactuals appear entirely normal for an AuROC $\leq 50\%$.
- The Sub. AuROC (Section 4.3.2) is the AuROC of normal vs. anomalous test samples when the AD is trained with counterfactuals in place of the normal training set.
- The FID_N (Section 4.3.3) denotes the normalized FID scores. 0% indicates that the counterfactuals follow the same feature distribution as normal samples, 100% as anomalies, which are also realistic, and above 100% indicates less realistic counterfactuals.
- The Concept Acc (Section 4.3.4) is the accuracy of the concept classifier. A 100% accuracy indicates optimal disentanglement of the concepts.

Additionally, we report the “Score distance”, which is the L1 distance between the average anomaly score of normal and anomalous test samples. Note that the L1 distance between normal training data and OE samples is usually 1. Thus, the “Score distance” measures the generalizability of the AD model to ground-truth anomalies in terms of anomaly score calibration.

Tables 6, 7, and 8 show results for MNIST and single normal classes for BCE, HSC, and DSVDD, respectively. In Tables 9, 10, and 11, we instead report results for CIFAR-10 and single normal classes for BCE, HSC, and DSVDD, respectively. Tables 12, 13, and 14 show results for Colored-MNIST (here abbreviated as C-MNIST) for BCE, HSC, and DSVDD, respectively. Tables 15, 16, and 17 show results for GTSDB and combined normal classes for BCE, HSC, and DSVDD, respectively. Tables 18, 19, and 20 show results for MNIST and combined normal classes for BCE, HSC, and DSVDD, respectively. Tables 21, 22, and 23 show results for CIFAR-10 and combined normal classes for BCE, HSC, and DSVDD, respectively.

Table 6: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on MNIST for BCE (OE). Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD			Explanation			
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N	Concept Acc	
zero	0.99 ± 0.0010	0.78 ± 0.0079	0.76 ± 0.0684	0.93 ± 0.0104	0.42 ± 0.0366	0.97 ± 0.0360	
one	1.00 ± 0.0005	0.87 ± 0.0155	0.66 ± 0.0977	0.97 ± 0.0107	0.47 ± 0.4474	0.99 ± 0.0082	
two	0.97 ± 0.0083	0.69 ± 0.0379	0.75 ± 0.0253	0.85 ± 0.0183	0.56 ± 0.0431	0.87 ± 0.0505	
three	0.99 ± 0.0018	0.67 ± 0.0286	0.77 ± 0.0242	0.94 ± 0.0073	0.33 ± 0.0392	0.89 ± 0.0834	
four	0.97 ± 0.0090	0.75 ± 0.0359	0.70 ± 0.0787	0.88 ± 0.0457	0.48 ± 0.0954	0.91 ± 0.0563	
five	0.97 ± 0.0058	0.65 ± 0.0398	0.66 ± 0.0076	0.84 ± 0.0184	0.44 ± 0.0405	0.98 ± 0.0252	
six	1.00 ± 0.0010	0.90 ± 0.0106	0.71 ± 0.0527	0.98 ± 0.0066	0.33 ± 0.0348	0.96 ± 0.0359	
seven	0.96 ± 0.0107	0.71 ± 0.0275	0.70 ± 0.0519	0.92 ± 0.0133	0.50 ± 0.0464	0.96 ± 0.0281	
eight	0.95 ± 0.0102	0.54 ± 0.0337	0.72 ± 0.0817	0.87 ± 0.0054	0.31 ± 0.0271	0.94 ± 0.0794	
nine	0.96 ± 0.0092	0.60 ± 0.0329	0.77 ± 0.0147	0.94 ± 0.0080	0.47 ± 0.0593	0.97 ± 0.0189	
mean	0.98 ± 0.0154	0.72 ± 0.1067	0.72 ± 0.0400	0.91 ± 0.0456	0.43 ± 0.0808	0.94 ± 0.0385	

Table 7: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on MNIST for HSC (OE). Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD			Explanation			
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N	Concept Acc	
zero	0.99 ± 0.0011	0.81 ± 0.0306	0.84 ± 0.0772	0.91 ± 0.0101	0.58 ± 0.1412	0.98 ± 0.0106	
one	1.00 ± 0.0011	0.89 ± 0.0231	0.88 ± 0.0783	0.95 ± 0.0089	0.60 ± 0.3820	0.90 ± 0.0868	
two	0.98 ± 0.0013	0.72 ± 0.0338	0.77 ± 0.0332	0.77 ± 0.0438	0.80 ± 0.3295	0.92 ± 0.0575	
three	0.98 ± 0.0056	0.67 ± 0.0166	0.82 ± 0.0717	0.85 ± 0.0209	0.48 ± 0.2057	0.83 ± 0.1941	
four	0.96 ± 0.0038	0.73 ± 0.0269	0.80 ± 0.0658	0.84 ± 0.0394	0.83 ± 0.2911	0.81 ± 0.1526	
five	0.96 ± 0.0054	0.62 ± 0.0334	0.83 ± 0.0603	0.70 ± 0.1316	0.77 ± 0.1088	0.92 ± 0.1010	
six	1.00 ± 0.0010	0.88 ± 0.0211	0.77 ± 0.0607	0.98 ± 0.0076	0.84 ± 0.3493	0.95 ± 0.0547	
seven	0.97 ± 0.0052	0.71 ± 0.0066	0.70 ± 0.0319	0.92 ± 0.0112	0.52 ± 0.0301	0.91 ± 0.0675	
eight	0.95 ± 0.0069	0.52 ± 0.0334	0.89 ± 0.0278	0.73 ± 0.0590	0.88 ± 0.3052	0.94 ± 0.0739	
nine	0.97 ± 0.0043	0.59 ± 0.0192	0.80 ± 0.0227	0.92 ± 0.0031	0.53 ± 0.0739	0.91 ± 0.0512	
mean	0.98 ± 0.0157	0.72 ± 0.1156	0.81 ± 0.0526	0.86 ± 0.0919	0.68 ± 0.1464	0.91 ± 0.0478	

Table 8: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on MNIST for DSVDD. Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD			Explanation			
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N	Concept Acc	
zero	0.82 ± 0.0685	0.01 ± 0.0038	0.76 ± 0.0870	0.41 ± 0.0680	1.16 ± 0.5100	0.96 ± 0.0467	
one	1.00 ± 0.0020	0.05 ± 0.0086	0.99 ± 0.0054	0.76 ± 0.1219	1.02 ± 0.0600	0.84 ± 0.1254	
two	0.72 ± 0.1254	0.01 ± 0.0057	0.69 ± 0.1664	0.34 ± 0.0203	0.89 ± 0.0117	0.49 ± 0.1150	
three	0.72 ± 0.0274	0.00 ± 0.0036	0.70 ± 0.0545	0.42 ± 0.0527	0.90 ± 0.0234	0.59 ± 0.1276	
four	0.72 ± 0.0517	0.01 ± 0.0040	0.65 ± 0.0669	0.46 ± 0.0180	0.88 ± 0.1156	0.80 ± 0.1840	
five	0.73 ± 0.0316	0.01 ± 0.0050	0.71 ± 0.0562	0.44 ± 0.0632	0.97 ± 0.0869	0.87 ± 0.1221	
six	0.83 ± 0.0964	0.01 ± 0.0126	0.80 ± 0.1238	0.44 ± 0.0466	1.08 ± 0.0339	0.84 ± 0.1877	
seven	0.84 ± 0.0450	0.01 ± 0.0135	0.80 ± 0.0533	0.46 ± 0.0858	1.04 ± 0.0408	0.88 ± 0.0291	
eight	0.70 ± 0.0359	0.00 ± 0.0007	0.69 ± 0.0440	0.46 ± 0.0792	0.99 ± 0.0775	0.82 ± 0.0962	
nine	0.81 ± 0.0331	0.01 ± 0.0056	0.74 ± 0.0568	0.44 ± 0.0599	1.09 ± 0.0822	0.65 ± 0.3127	
mean	0.79 ± 0.0865	0.01 ± 0.0119	0.75 ± 0.0916	0.46 ± 0.1050	1.00 ± 0.0876	0.78 ± 0.1410	

Table 9: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on CIFAR-10 for BCE OE. Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD			Explanation			
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N	Concept Acc	
airplane	0.96 ± 0.0009	0.78 ± 0.0083	0.47 ± 0.0372	0.65 ± 0.0322	1.48 ± 0.1439	0.93 ± 0.0659	
automobile	0.99 ± 0.0005	0.87 ± 0.0026	0.62 ± 0.0540	0.62 ± 0.0347	1.08 ± 0.0582	0.92 ± 0.0757	
bird	0.93 ± 0.0030	0.65 ± 0.0020	0.42 ± 0.0378	0.53 ± 0.0138	1.42 ± 0.0777	0.99 ± 0.0069	
cat	0.91 ± 0.0035	0.55 ± 0.0127	0.30 ± 0.0054	0.53 ± 0.0159	1.37 ± 0.0773	0.91 ± 0.1449	
deer	0.96 ± 0.0020	0.74 ± 0.0043	0.40 ± 0.0209	0.53 ± 0.0103	1.09 ± 0.1095	0.99 ± 0.0151	
dog	0.94 ± 0.0013	0.64 ± 0.0051	0.36 ± 0.0061	0.57 ± 0.0134	1.23 ± 0.0777	0.93 ± 0.1008	
frog	0.98 ± 0.0011	0.79 ± 0.0067	0.50 ± 0.0247	0.54 ± 0.0127	0.80 ± 0.0652	0.88 ± 0.1341	
horse	0.98 ± 0.0006	0.82 ± 0.0060	0.59 ± 0.0303	0.64 ± 0.0213	1.21 ± 0.1013	0.99 ± 0.0107	
ship	0.98 ± 0.0002	0.85 ± 0.0032	0.55 ± 0.0098	0.72 ± 0.0300	0.93 ± 0.0810	0.89 ± 0.0760	
truck	0.97 ± 0.0018	0.78 ± 0.0080	0.54 ± 0.0602	0.56 ± 0.0242	1.03 ± 0.1231	0.88 ± 0.2031	
mean	0.96 ± 0.0252	0.75 ± 0.0964	0.47 ± 0.1000	0.59 ± 0.0610	1.16 ± 0.2078	0.93 ± 0.0429	

Table 10: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on CIFAR-10 for HSC OE. Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD			Explanation			
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N	Concept Acc	
airplane	0.96 ± 0.0012	0.75 ± 0.0056	0.51 ± 0.0754	0.52 ± 0.0111	2.95 ± 0.1509	0.89 ± 0.0873	
automobile	0.99 ± 0.0005	0.85 ± 0.0030	0.58 ± 0.0152	0.59 ± 0.0129	1.71 ± 0.1914	0.99 ± 0.0054	
bird	0.93 ± 0.0015	0.62 ± 0.0018	0.46 ± 0.0293	0.52 ± 0.0149	4.81 ± 0.2365	1.00 ± 0.0007	
cat	0.90 ± 0.0020	0.53 ± 0.0072	0.43 ± 0.0255	0.52 ± 0.0088	3.98 ± 0.4753	1.00 ± 0.0009	
deer	0.96 ± 0.0007	0.71 ± 0.0040	0.51 ± 0.0121	0.57 ± 0.0230	3.45 ± 0.3143	1.00 ± 0.0000	
dog	0.95 ± 0.0012	0.65 ± 0.0047	0.46 ± 0.0317	0.53 ± 0.0257	3.09 ± 0.2897	1.00 ± 0.0023	
frog	0.98 ± 0.0004	0.77 ± 0.0043	0.52 ± 0.0062	0.57 ± 0.0569	2.92 ± 0.4138	1.00 ± 0.0009	
horse	0.98 ± 0.0008	0.79 ± 0.0040	0.54 ± 0.0466	0.54 ± 0.0281	3.13 ± 0.0463	1.00 ± 0.0001	
ship	0.98 ± 0.0003	0.83 ± 0.0027	0.48 ± 0.0257	0.56 ± 0.0316	1.86 ± 0.5187	1.00 ± 0.0032	
truck	0.97 ± 0.0011	0.77 ± 0.0055	0.51 ± 0.0257	0.57 ± 0.0623	2.19 ± 0.1318	1.00 ± 0.0010	
mean	0.96 ± 0.0254	0.73 ± 0.0939	0.50 ± 0.0438	0.55 ± 0.0259	3.01 ± 0.8998	0.99 ± 0.0325	

Table 11: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on CIFAR-10 for DSVDD. Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD			Explanation			
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N	Concept Acc	
airplane	0.48 ± 0.0952	-0.00 ± 0.0022	0.54 ± 0.0733	0.45 ± 0.0265	1.28 ± 0.0382	0.98 ± 0.0114	
automobile	0.51 ± 0.0339	0.00 ± 0.0003	0.52 ± 0.0606	0.49 ± 0.0198	1.15 ± 0.0266	0.99 ± 0.0076	
bird	0.54 ± 0.0375	0.00 ± 0.0005	0.52 ± 0.0601	0.51 ± 0.0133	1.23 ± 0.0548	0.91 ± 0.1548	
cat	0.52 ± 0.0216	0.00 ± 0.0008	0.51 ± 0.0513	0.50 ± 0.0260	1.38 ± 0.1380	0.98 ± 0.0221	
deer	0.65 ± 0.0312	0.01 ± 0.0030	0.62 ± 0.0996	0.53 ± 0.0611	1.12 ± 0.0467	1.00 ± 0.0028	
dog	0.53 ± 0.0259	0.00 ± 0.0030	0.51 ± 0.0296	0.50 ± 0.0195	1.21 ± 0.0830	0.96 ± 0.0523	
frog	0.60 ± 0.0692	0.01 ± 0.0027	0.54 ± 0.0371	0.57 ± 0.0747	0.99 ± 0.0550	0.99 ± 0.0074	
horse	0.56 ± 0.0253	0.00 ± 0.0025	0.53 ± 0.0281	0.51 ± 0.0143	1.21 ± 0.0094	1.00 ± 0.0037	
ship	0.57 ± 0.0543	0.00 ± 0.0010	0.58 ± 0.0350	0.53 ± 0.0561	0.97 ± 0.0611	0.93 ± 0.0758	
truck	0.58 ± 0.0673	0.00 ± 0.0008	0.58 ± 0.0470	0.48 ± 0.0224	1.10 ± 0.0258	0.97 ± 0.0417	
mean	0.55 ± 0.0473	0.00 ± 0.0022	0.55 ± 0.0336	0.51 ± 0.0315	1.16 ± 0.1195	0.97 ± 0.0287	

Table 12: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on C-MNIST for BCE (OE). Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD		Explanation				Concept Acc
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N		
gray+one	0.96 ± 0.0037	0.17 ± 0.0127	0.55 ± 0.1105	0.75 ± 0.0429	0.75 ± 0.3352	0.96 ± 0.0327	
yellow+one	0.97 ± 0.0027	0.24 ± 0.0129	0.56 ± 0.0252	0.74 ± 0.0082	0.60 ± 0.1572	1.00 ± 0.0001	
cyan+one	0.96 ± 0.0138	0.19 ± 0.0373	0.54 ± 0.0410	0.83 ± 0.0180	0.38 ± 0.0340	1.00 ± 0.0007	
green+one	0.99 ± 0.0044	0.49 ± 0.0546	0.58 ± 0.0457	0.80 ± 0.0676	0.60 ± 0.2606	1.00 ± 0.0001	
blue+one	0.98 ± 0.0034	0.48 ± 0.0110	0.55 ± 0.0075	0.81 ± 0.0640	0.52 ± 0.1925	1.00 ± 0.0002	
pink+one	0.97 ± 0.0021	0.25 ± 0.0193	0.57 ± 0.0279	0.88 ± 0.0127	0.43 ± 0.0647	1.00 ± 0.0003	
red+one	0.98 ± 0.0031	0.42 ± 0.0364	0.54 ± 0.1100	0.83 ± 0.0938	0.69 ± 0.4817	1.00 ± 0.0015	
mean	0.97 ± 0.0101	0.32 ± 0.1265	0.56 ± 0.0154	0.81 ± 0.0451	0.57 ± 0.1240	0.99 ± 0.0132	

Table 13: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on C-MNIST for HSC (OE). Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD		Explanation				Concept Acc
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N		
gray+one	0.92 ± 0.0075	0.27 ± 0.0410	0.51 ± 0.0486	0.76 ± 0.0457	0.86 ± 0.1567	0.99 ± 0.0136	
yellow+one	0.94 ± 0.0251	0.43 ± 0.0509	0.54 ± 0.0615	0.82 ± 0.0081	0.82 ± 0.2713	1.00 ± 0.0020	
cyan+one	0.97 ± 0.0196	0.39 ± 0.0630	0.56 ± 0.0296	0.88 ± 0.0462	0.63 ± 0.2201	1.00 ± 0.0000	
green+one	0.98 ± 0.0139	0.52 ± 0.0258	0.56 ± 0.0323	0.89 ± 0.0102	0.94 ± 0.2280	1.00 ± 0.0005	
blue+one	0.99 ± 0.0028	0.65 ± 0.0159	0.66 ± 0.0896	0.75 ± 0.1384	1.66 ± 1.1219	0.94 ± 0.0834	
pink+one	0.94 ± 0.0139	0.38 ± 0.0323	0.52 ± 0.0751	0.83 ± 0.0339	0.83 ± 0.0292	1.00 ± 0.0015	
red+one	0.98 ± 0.0031	0.60 ± 0.0127	0.57 ± 0.0244	0.78 ± 0.0674	0.93 ± 0.3331	1.00 ± 0.0055	
mean	0.96 ± 0.0231	0.46 ± 0.1226	0.56 ± 0.0472	0.82 ± 0.0482	0.95 ± 0.3047	0.99 ± 0.0198	

Table 14: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on C-MNIST for DSVDD. Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD		Explanation				Concept Acc
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N		
gray+one	0.73 ± 0.0350	0.00 ± 0.0001	0.56 ± 0.0449	0.71 ± 0.0755	0.85 ± 0.2079	0.91 ± 0.0834	
yellow+one	0.86 ± 0.0262	0.00 ± 0.0010	0.60 ± 0.0595	0.65 ± 0.0639	0.82 ± 0.2240	1.00 ± 0.0044	
cyan+one	0.83 ± 0.0866	0.00 ± 0.0005	0.61 ± 0.0781	0.63 ± 0.0589	0.79 ± 0.0524	0.99 ± 0.0057	
green+one	0.64 ± 0.1336	0.00 ± 0.0003	0.57 ± 0.0250	0.60 ± 0.0755	0.69 ± 0.0350	1.00 ± 0.0019	
blue+one	0.78 ± 0.1502	0.00 ± 0.0001	0.68 ± 0.2173	0.42 ± 0.1223	1.01 ± 0.1866	1.00 ± 0.0016	
pink+one	0.75 ± 0.1343	0.00 ± 0.0001	0.67 ± 0.1040	0.61 ± 0.0999	0.85 ± 0.0998	0.97 ± 0.0214	
red+one	0.79 ± 0.0424	0.00 ± 0.0004	0.62 ± 0.0917	0.57 ± 0.1607	0.81 ± 0.1763	0.99 ± 0.0149	
mean	0.77 ± 0.0650	0.00 ± 0.0003	0.61 ± 0.0430	0.60 ± 0.0841	0.83 ± 0.0875	0.98 ± 0.0297	

Table 15: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on GTSDB for BCE OE. Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD		Explanation			
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N	Concept Acc
speed limit 30 + 50	0.92 ± 0.0037	0.65 ± 0.0103	0.51 ± 0.0563	0.88 ± 0.0158	0.77 ± 0.3590	1.00 ± 0.0018
speed limit 50 + 70	0.88 ± 0.0151	0.59 ± 0.0188	0.49 ± 0.0576	0.86 ± 0.0066	0.69 ± 0.3249	0.99 ± 0.0080
speed limit 70 + 100	0.88 ± 0.0053	0.57 ± 0.0048	0.55 ± 0.0708	0.89 ± 0.0136	0.42 ± 0.1348	0.99 ± 0.0130
speed limit 100 + 120	0.89 ± 0.0200	0.55 ± 0.0409	0.49 ± 0.1331	0.87 ± 0.0297	0.51 ± 0.0854	0.99 ± 0.0115
give way + stop	0.99 ± 0.0021	0.89 ± 0.0131	0.66 ± 0.0758	0.81 ± 0.1369	2.29 ± 0.4255	0.99 ± 0.0184
danger + construction warning	0.93 ± 0.0078	0.73 ± 0.0072	0.43 ± 0.0799	0.91 ± 0.0155	3.60 ± 0.5202	1.00 ± 0.0040
all restriction ends signs	1.00 ± 0.0029	0.90 ± 0.0167	0.56 ± 0.1341	1.00 ± 0.0033	0.24 ± 0.1129	0.97 ± 0.0183
all speed limit signs	0.99 ± 0.0016	0.79 ± 0.0226	0.54 ± 0.0172	0.96 ± 0.0085	0.41 ± 0.0870	0.99 ± 0.0134
all blue signs	1.00 ± 0.0023	0.93 ± 0.0131	0.40 ± 0.0381	0.90 ± 0.0258	0.64 ± 0.1553	0.98 ± 0.0109
all warning signs	0.96 ± 0.0089	0.89 ± 0.0132	0.38 ± 0.0343	0.95 ± 0.0035	1.51 ± 0.5426	0.99 ± 0.0076
mean	0.94 ± 0.0474	0.75 ± 0.1437	0.50 ± 0.0803	0.90 ± 0.0526	1.11 ± 1.0182	0.99 ± 0.0085

Table 16: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on GTSDB for HSC OE. Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD		Explanation			
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N	Concept Acc
speed limit 30 + 50	0.88 ± 0.0014	0.63 ± 0.0126	0.31 ± 0.1032	0.88 ± 0.0113	0.79 ± 0.2196	0.96 ± 0.0420
speed limit 50 + 70	0.89 ± 0.0111	0.57 ± 0.0170	0.49 ± 0.1537	0.85 ± 0.0135	1.45 ± 0.6565	1.00 ± 0.0000
speed limit 70 + 100	0.86 ± 0.0164	0.56 ± 0.0146	0.60 ± 0.1389	0.85 ± 0.0379	0.69 ± 0.4033	0.91 ± 0.0807
speed limit 100 + 120	0.85 ± 0.0112	0.50 ± 0.0132	0.66 ± 0.0952	0.86 ± 0.0172	0.59 ± 0.2818	0.95 ± 0.0613
give way + stop	0.98 ± 0.0056	0.81 ± 0.0415	0.70 ± 0.1508	0.83 ± 0.0929	1.00 ± 0.1991	0.70 ± 0.0922
danger + construction warning	0.91 ± 0.0099	0.68 ± 0.0121	0.32 ± 0.0889	0.90 ± 0.0137	2.82 ± 0.2851	0.97 ± 0.0210
all restriction ends signs	1.00 ± 0.0000	0.93 ± 0.0127	0.60 ± 0.0791	1.00 ± 0.0039	0.21 ± 0.0519	0.94 ± 0.0221
all speed limit signs	0.96 ± 0.0174	0.79 ± 0.0075	0.51 ± 0.0419	0.95 ± 0.0175	0.29 ± 0.0730	0.97 ± 0.0469
all blue signs	1.00 ± 0.0011	0.94 ± 0.0165	0.34 ± 0.0640	0.91 ± 0.0224	0.38 ± 0.0667	1.00 ± 0.0023
all warning signs	0.97 ± 0.0042	0.86 ± 0.0182	0.33 ± 0.0692	0.96 ± 0.0061	1.31 ± 0.2118	1.00 ± 0.0036
mean	0.93 ± 0.0563	0.73 ± 0.1517	0.49 ± 0.1439	0.90 ± 0.0508	0.95 ± 0.7345	0.94 ± 0.0840

Table 17: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on GTSDB for DSVDD. Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD		Explanation			
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N	Concept Acc
speed limit 30 + 50	0.53 ± 0.0718	0.06 ± 0.0214	0.56 ± 0.0583	0.57 ± 0.0240	1.07 ± 0.4804	0.95 ± 0.0439
speed limit 50 + 70	0.55 ± 0.0487	0.07 ± 0.0640	0.60 ± 0.1042	0.57 ± 0.0485	3.59 ± 3.8551	0.87 ± 0.1167
speed limit 70 + 100	0.56 ± 0.0433	0.02 ± 0.0108	0.53 ± 0.1288	0.63 ± 0.0291	0.34 ± 0.0187	0.92 ± 0.0376
speed limit 100 + 120	0.61 ± 0.0497	0.04 ± 0.0171	0.53 ± 0.0625	0.64 ± 0.0488	0.28 ± 0.0315	0.95 ± 0.0302
give way + stop	0.49 ± 0.0673	0.00 ± 0.0150	0.46 ± 0.0981	0.49 ± 0.0725	1.88 ± 0.5662	0.98 ± 0.0138
danger + construction warning	0.61 ± 0.0429	0.02 ± 0.0049	0.59 ± 0.0402	0.47 ± 0.0348	3.04 ± 0.3589	0.90 ± 0.1063
all restriction ends signs	0.70 ± 0.0860	0.06 ± 0.0450	0.53 ± 0.1242	0.69 ± 0.0862	0.26 ± 0.1251	0.94 ± 0.0273
all speed limit signs	0.69 ± 0.0473	0.05 ± 0.0095	0.57 ± 0.0533	0.64 ± 0.0145	0.51 ± 0.1984	0.98 ± 0.0182
all blue signs	0.51 ± 0.1008	0.02 ± 0.0161	0.49 ± 0.0985	0.64 ± 0.0117	0.20 ± 0.0484	0.86 ± 0.0565
all warning signs	0.56 ± 0.0242	0.01 ± 0.0087	0.46 ± 0.0616	0.51 ± 0.0484	1.93 ± 0.5590	1.00 ± 0.0034
mean	0.58 ± 0.0668	0.04 ± 0.0233	0.53 ± 0.0478	0.58 ± 0.0699	1.31 ± 1.1807	0.93 ± 0.0453

Table 18: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on MNIST for BCE (OE). Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD			Explanation			
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N	Concept Acc	
zero+one	0.97 ± 0.0062	0.51 ± 0.0596	0.79 ± 0.0864	0.45 ± 0.0944	1.00 ± 0.0674	0.98 ± 0.0154	
zero+two	0.95 ± 0.0129	0.44 ± 0.0694	0.82 ± 0.0696	0.59 ± 0.0292	0.77 ± 0.0372	0.95 ± 0.0520	
one+two	0.94 ± 0.0188	0.46 ± 0.0688	0.74 ± 0.0251	0.40 ± 0.0411	1.25 ± 0.0237	0.99 ± 0.0101	
one+three	0.95 ± 0.0097	0.45 ± 0.0222	0.70 ± 0.0433	0.56 ± 0.0241	1.18 ± 0.0250	0.97 ± 0.0192	
two+three	0.97 ± 0.0095	0.56 ± 0.0667	0.76 ± 0.0720	0.79 ± 0.0188	0.51 ± 0.0498	0.99 ± 0.0131	
two+four	0.89 ± 0.0196	0.35 ± 0.0551	0.75 ± 0.0415	0.42 ± 0.0421	0.83 ± 0.0824	1.00 ± 0.0017	
three+four	0.91 ± 0.0070	0.33 ± 0.0250	0.81 ± 0.0290	0.58 ± 0.0415	0.85 ± 0.0359	0.93 ± 0.0687	
three+five	0.95 ± 0.0058	0.48 ± 0.0487	0.74 ± 0.0213	0.67 ± 0.0515	0.43 ± 0.0501	0.95 ± 0.0360	
four+five	0.90 ± 0.0259	0.30 ± 0.0148	0.83 ± 0.0474	0.40 ± 0.0485	0.92 ± 0.0715	0.82 ± 0.1926	
four+six	0.95 ± 0.0052	0.57 ± 0.0364	0.77 ± 0.0333	0.63 ± 0.0650	0.67 ± 0.1253	0.98 ± 0.0277	
five+six	0.97 ± 0.0063	0.60 ± 0.0319	0.82 ± 0.0672	0.63 ± 0.0514	0.55 ± 0.0666	0.91 ± 0.0797	
five+seven	0.88 ± 0.0228	0.40 ± 0.0453	0.76 ± 0.0546	0.59 ± 0.0416	1.02 ± 0.0697	0.94 ± 0.0361	
six+seven	0.94 ± 0.0143	0.44 ± 0.0618	0.85 ± 0.0437	0.66 ± 0.0622	0.92 ± 0.1281	0.82 ± 0.1436	
six+eight	0.95 ± 0.0145	0.45 ± 0.0398	0.81 ± 0.0474	0.63 ± 0.0608	0.38 ± 0.0205	0.96 ± 0.0539	
seven+eight	0.87 ± 0.0208	0.33 ± 0.0300	0.73 ± 0.0562	0.70 ± 0.0264	0.90 ± 0.0669	0.91 ± 0.0795	
seven+nine	0.95 ± 0.0209	0.58 ± 0.0374	0.77 ± 0.0628	0.88 ± 0.0201	0.94 ± 0.1804	0.86 ± 0.1010	
eight+nine	0.93 ± 0.0189	0.42 ± 0.0492	0.80 ± 0.0483	0.83 ± 0.0144	0.48 ± 0.0423	0.93 ± 0.1050	
eight+zero	0.93 ± 0.0100	0.39 ± 0.0219	0.77 ± 0.0908	0.69 ± 0.0240	0.46 ± 0.0200	0.98 ± 0.0177	
nine+zero	0.95 ± 0.0047	0.49 ± 0.0184	0.85 ± 0.0398	0.77 ± 0.0424	0.54 ± 0.0610	0.92 ± 0.0678	
nine+one	0.93 ± 0.0157	0.39 ± 0.0365	0.73 ± 0.0944	0.57 ± 0.0461	1.09 ± 0.0559	0.97 ± 0.0191	
mean	0.93 ± 0.0283	0.45 ± 0.0868	0.78 ± 0.0412	0.62 ± 0.1325	0.78 ± 0.2596	0.94 ± 0.0512	

Table 19: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on MNIST for HSC (OE). Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD			Explanation			
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N	Concept Acc	
zero+one	0.98 ± 0.0056	0.53 ± 0.0871	0.88 ± 0.0450	0.46 ± 0.0714	1.13 ± 0.0433	0.92 ± 0.1256	
zero+two	0.95 ± 0.0120	0.52 ± 0.0508	0.87 ± 0.0267	0.39 ± 0.0644	0.96 ± 0.0884	0.94 ± 0.0697	
one+two	0.96 ± 0.0061	0.48 ± 0.0493	0.83 ± 0.0163	0.46 ± 0.1134	1.23 ± 0.0469	0.95 ± 0.0382	
one+three	0.95 ± 0.0081	0.51 ± 0.0142	0.84 ± 0.0519	0.55 ± 0.0545	1.24 ± 0.0717	0.85 ± 0.2038	
two+three	0.95 ± 0.0116	0.58 ± 0.0371	0.74 ± 0.0500	0.59 ± 0.0706	0.73 ± 0.1404	0.87 ± 0.1477	
two+four	0.86 ± 0.0132	0.33 ± 0.0276	0.77 ± 0.0338	0.39 ± 0.0131	0.92 ± 0.0227	0.98 ± 0.0168	
three+four	0.87 ± 0.0190	0.34 ± 0.0472	0.73 ± 0.0515	0.55 ± 0.0355	0.87 ± 0.0564	0.87 ± 0.1123	
three+five	0.93 ± 0.0294	0.50 ± 0.0450	0.80 ± 0.0902	0.54 ± 0.0523	0.54 ± 0.0908	0.85 ± 0.1274	
four+five	0.87 ± 0.0160	0.33 ± 0.0228	0.86 ± 0.0449	0.42 ± 0.0571	1.35 ± 0.4027	0.58 ± 0.0420	
four+six	0.95 ± 0.0128	0.55 ± 0.0598	0.82 ± 0.0360	0.50 ± 0.1191	0.82 ± 0.0307	0.97 ± 0.0223	
five+six	0.95 ± 0.0058	0.57 ± 0.0471	0.83 ± 0.0505	0.54 ± 0.0711	1.03 ± 0.3435	0.83 ± 0.0677	
five+seven	0.89 ± 0.0022	0.40 ± 0.0223	0.83 ± 0.0281	0.58 ± 0.0241	1.33 ± 0.2102	0.80 ± 0.1326	
six+seven	0.92 ± 0.0166	0.43 ± 0.0602	0.81 ± 0.0535	0.54 ± 0.0695	1.02 ± 0.3005	0.87 ± 0.0852	
six+eight	0.94 ± 0.0031	0.44 ± 0.0373	0.81 ± 0.0184	0.51 ± 0.0417	0.51 ± 0.1461	0.88 ± 0.0918	
seven+eight	0.90 ± 0.0090	0.42 ± 0.0328	0.78 ± 0.0331	0.66 ± 0.0287	1.14 ± 0.0710	0.91 ± 0.0864	
seven+nine	0.96 ± 0.0034	0.63 ± 0.0163	0.85 ± 0.0637	0.81 ± 0.0430	1.17 ± 0.2448	0.65 ± 0.2011	
eight+nine	0.93 ± 0.0049	0.44 ± 0.0268	0.83 ± 0.0483	0.69 ± 0.0317	0.67 ± 0.1301	0.87 ± 0.1908	
eight+zero	0.93 ± 0.0075	0.44 ± 0.0215	0.83 ± 0.0602	0.55 ± 0.0547	0.80 ± 0.4024	0.85 ± 0.1161	
nine+zero	0.94 ± 0.0052	0.48 ± 0.0601	0.85 ± 0.0379	0.61 ± 0.0466	0.65 ± 0.0405	0.77 ± 0.1480	
nine+one	0.95 ± 0.0119	0.44 ± 0.0212	0.83 ± 0.0464	0.60 ± 0.0340	1.13 ± 0.0206	0.92 ± 0.0678	
mean	0.93 ± 0.0332	0.47 ± 0.0809	0.82 ± 0.0378	0.55 ± 0.0987	0.96 ± 0.2502	0.86 ± 0.0963	

Table 20: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on MNIST for DSVDD. Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD		Explanation				
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N	Concept Acc	
zero+one	0.93 ± 0.0323	0.00 ± 0.0018	0.90 ± 0.0393	0.57 ± 0.0150	1.05 ± 0.1323	0.97 ± 0.0254	
zero+two	0.71 ± 0.1290	0.00 ± 0.0015	0.70 ± 0.1319	0.36 ± 0.0439	0.99 ± 0.0301	0.54 ± 0.2298	
one+two	0.73 ± 0.0542	0.00 ± 0.0003	0.73 ± 0.0648	0.38 ± 0.0584	1.16 ± 0.0277	0.92 ± 0.0666	
one+three	0.77 ± 0.0422	0.00 ± 0.0002	0.78 ± 0.0470	0.43 ± 0.1285	1.13 ± 0.0103	0.87 ± 0.1073	
two+three	0.69 ± 0.0508	0.00 ± 0.0015	0.67 ± 0.0495	0.38 ± 0.1011	0.86 ± 0.0373	0.81 ± 0.2033	
two+four	0.85 ± 0.0253	0.00 ± 0.0009	0.80 ± 0.0380	0.39 ± 0.0484	0.75 ± 0.1440	0.85 ± 0.2204	
three+four	0.77 ± 0.0716	0.00 ± 0.0015	0.73 ± 0.0736	0.46 ± 0.0377	0.92 ± 0.0610	0.72 ± 0.2467	
three+five	0.66 ± 0.0275	0.00 ± 0.0003	0.66 ± 0.0346	0.43 ± 0.0459	0.86 ± 0.0218	0.76 ± 0.1619	
four+five	0.71 ± 0.1077	0.00 ± 0.0026	0.70 ± 0.0907	0.41 ± 0.0192	0.98 ± 0.0285	0.71 ± 0.0798	
four+six	0.81 ± 0.0719	0.01 ± 0.0037	0.80 ± 0.0915	0.37 ± 0.0288	1.03 ± 0.0127	0.86 ± 0.1675	
five+six	0.72 ± 0.0814	0.00 ± 0.0028	0.70 ± 0.0749	0.41 ± 0.0568	0.93 ± 0.0151	0.73 ± 0.1704	
five+seven	0.72 ± 0.0564	0.00 ± 0.0009	0.69 ± 0.0281	0.44 ± 0.0658	0.96 ± 0.0983	0.85 ± 0.1442	
six+seven	0.84 ± 0.0609	0.00 ± 0.0015	0.79 ± 0.0271	0.41 ± 0.0469	1.13 ± 0.0494	0.94 ± 0.0260	
six+eight	0.78 ± 0.0681	0.00 ± 0.0013	0.75 ± 0.0787	0.44 ± 0.0241	0.93 ± 0.1650	0.79 ± 0.1834	
seven+eight	0.70 ± 0.0095	0.00 ± 0.0002	0.70 ± 0.0046	0.39 ± 0.0721	1.12 ± 0.0105	0.95 ± 0.0364	
seven+nine	0.74 ± 0.0744	0.00 ± 0.0020	0.75 ± 0.0758	0.38 ± 0.0345	1.10 ± 0.0419	0.72 ± 0.1768	
eight+nine	0.69 ± 0.0688	0.00 ± 0.0006	0.68 ± 0.0712	0.42 ± 0.0329	0.95 ± 0.1594	0.97 ± 0.0480	
eight+zero	0.66 ± 0.0560	0.00 ± 0.0009	0.65 ± 0.0630	0.37 ± 0.0299	1.05 ± 0.0253	0.82 ± 0.1814	
nine+zero	0.72 ± 0.0834	0.00 ± 0.0016	0.67 ± 0.1228	0.46 ± 0.0408	0.99 ± 0.1008	0.65 ± 0.3174	
nine+one	0.84 ± 0.0555	0.00 ± 0.0010	0.85 ± 0.0489	0.42 ± 0.1575	1.13 ± 0.0173	0.91 ± 0.0509	
mean	0.75 ± 0.0712	0.00 ± 0.0013	0.73 ± 0.0649	0.42 ± 0.0450	1.00 ± 0.1074	0.82 ± 0.1132	

Table 21: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on CIFAR-10 for BCE OE. Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD		Explanation				
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N	Concept Acc	
airplane+automobile	0.96 ± 0.0024	0.79 ± 0.0066	0.59 ± 0.0300	0.66 ± 0.0187	1.04 ± 0.0824	0.75 ± 0.1067	
airplane+bird	0.92 ± 0.0017	0.68 ± 0.0043	0.45 ± 0.0226	0.61 ± 0.0087	1.34 ± 0.2551	0.88 ± 0.1167	
automobile+bird	0.93 ± 0.0023	0.70 ± 0.0029	0.57 ± 0.0340	0.59 ± 0.0264	1.79 ± 0.0164	0.73 ± 0.2012	
automobile+cat	0.90 ± 0.0038	0.61 ± 0.0005	0.46 ± 0.0113	0.54 ± 0.0060	1.73 ± 0.0686	0.87 ± 0.0738	
bird+cat	0.87 ± 0.0022	0.53 ± 0.0019	0.35 ± 0.0207	0.54 ± 0.0140	1.19 ± 0.1377	0.81 ± 0.1128	
bird+deer	0.92 ± 0.0004	0.64 ± 0.0046	0.39 ± 0.0233	0.53 ± 0.0069	0.92 ± 0.0889	0.97 ± 0.0038	
cat+deer	0.90 ± 0.0025	0.58 ± 0.0077	0.39 ± 0.0301	0.53 ± 0.0148	0.94 ± 0.0475	0.89 ± 0.1547	
cat+dog	0.91 ± 0.0023	0.59 ± 0.0108	0.30 ± 0.0103	0.58 ± 0.0099	0.91 ± 0.0472	0.81 ± 0.1551	
deer+dog	0.92 ± 0.0006	0.64 ± 0.0040	0.42 ± 0.0333	0.55 ± 0.0137	0.88 ± 0.0511	0.93 ± 0.0495	
deer+frog	0.94 ± 0.0014	0.70 ± 0.0042	0.49 ± 0.0381	0.52 ± 0.0124	0.76 ± 0.0422	0.82 ± 0.1905	
dog+frog	0.93 ± 0.0010	0.67 ± 0.0053	0.46 ± 0.0181	0.56 ± 0.0121	0.93 ± 0.0769	0.94 ± 0.0597	
dog+horse	0.95 ± 0.0022	0.71 ± 0.0056	0.50 ± 0.0085	0.58 ± 0.0106	1.01 ± 0.0391	0.89 ± 0.1399	
frog+horse	0.96 ± 0.0007	0.76 ± 0.0080	0.55 ± 0.0314	0.56 ± 0.0170	1.03 ± 0.0501	0.81 ± 0.1722	
frog+ship	0.95 ± 0.0010	0.76 ± 0.0046	0.53 ± 0.0225	0.62 ± 0.0188	1.06 ± 0.2823	0.88 ± 0.0802	
horse+ship	0.97 ± 0.0010	0.80 ± 0.0047	0.58 ± 0.0259	0.61 ± 0.0420	0.95 ± 0.1126	0.97 ± 0.0323	
horse+truck	0.96 ± 0.0008	0.77 ± 0.0046	0.56 ± 0.0293	0.60 ± 0.0195	1.08 ± 0.0864	0.87 ± 0.1812	
ship+truck	0.96 ± 0.0011	0.77 ± 0.0059	0.54 ± 0.0200	0.62 ± 0.0171	0.78 ± 0.0594	0.93 ± 0.1109	
ship+airplane	0.97 ± 0.0008	0.80 ± 0.0044	0.52 ± 0.0392	0.71 ± 0.0113	0.77 ± 0.1048	0.97 ± 0.0441	
truck+airplane	0.95 ± 0.0008	0.75 ± 0.0027	0.55 ± 0.0137	0.61 ± 0.0370	0.93 ± 0.0557	0.73 ± 0.1478	
truck+automobile	0.98 ± 0.0010	0.85 ± 0.0041	0.62 ± 0.0429	0.60 ± 0.0240	0.75 ± 0.0793	0.80 ± 0.1978	
mean	0.94 ± 0.0266	0.71 ± 0.0839	0.49 ± 0.0847	0.59 ± 0.0460	1.04 ± 0.2794	0.86 ± 0.0745	

Table 22: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on CIFAR-10 for HSC OE. Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD		Explanation				Concept Acc
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N		
airplane+automobile	0.96 ± 0.0005	0.75 ± 0.0017	0.51 ± 0.0900	0.54 ± 0.0163	2.14 ± 0.0882	0.99 ± 0.0164	
airplane+bird	0.93 ± 0.0012	0.67 ± 0.0024	0.44 ± 0.0439	0.52 ± 0.0059	2.21 ± 0.1630	1.00 ± 0.0002	
automobile+bird	0.92 ± 0.0029	0.66 ± 0.0065	0.45 ± 0.0424	0.51 ± 0.0065	4.12 ± 1.1471	1.00 ± 0.0001	
automobile+cat	0.91 ± 0.0011	0.62 ± 0.0054	0.53 ± 0.0285	0.50 ± 0.0023	3.10 ± 0.3450	1.00 ± 0.0011	
bird+cat	0.87 ± 0.0019	0.47 ± 0.0046	0.32 ± 0.0328	0.53 ± 0.0401	3.34 ± 1.0615	1.00 ± 0.0002	
bird+deer	0.92 ± 0.0026	0.63 ± 0.0097	0.38 ± 0.0144	0.54 ± 0.0248	3.49 ± 0.1061	1.00 ± 0.0012	
cat+deer	0.90 ± 0.0017	0.54 ± 0.0053	0.35 ± 0.0228	0.52 ± 0.0166	2.58 ± 0.1145	1.00 ± 0.0000	
cat+dog	0.93 ± 0.0018	0.59 ± 0.0085	0.39 ± 0.0252	0.52 ± 0.0042	1.97 ± 0.0935	1.00 ± 0.0003	
deer+dog	0.92 ± 0.0017	0.60 ± 0.0095	0.38 ± 0.0401	0.52 ± 0.0107	2.44 ± 0.5742	0.96 ± 0.0734	
deer+frog	0.95 ± 0.0011	0.68 ± 0.0010	0.42 ± 0.0065	0.56 ± 0.0535	2.27 ± 0.0879	1.00 ± 0.0002	
dog+frog	0.93 ± 0.0014	0.63 ± 0.0045	0.43 ± 0.0110	0.51 ± 0.0036	2.53 ± 0.1879	1.00 ± 0.0001	
dog+horse	0.96 ± 0.0003	0.70 ± 0.0064	0.44 ± 0.0062	0.52 ± 0.0190	3.22 ± 0.1861	1.00 ± 0.0001	
frog+horse	0.96 ± 0.0015	0.73 ± 0.0027	0.48 ± 0.0143	0.52 ± 0.0176	2.75 ± 0.3541	1.00 ± 0.0001	
frog+ship	0.96 ± 0.0009	0.75 ± 0.0084	0.48 ± 0.0313	0.56 ± 0.0346	3.29 ± 0.6680	1.00 ± 0.0001	
horse+ship	0.96 ± 0.0007	0.77 ± 0.0036	0.40 ± 0.0675	0.53 ± 0.0124	1.87 ± 0.0485	1.00 ± 0.0005	
horse+truck	0.95 ± 0.0016	0.73 ± 0.0074	0.50 ± 0.0339	0.53 ± 0.0520	2.93 ± 0.8821	1.00 ± 0.0011	
ship+truck	0.96 ± 0.0005	0.76 ± 0.0051	0.41 ± 0.0426	0.57 ± 0.0625	1.73 ± 0.0526	0.99 ± 0.0075	
ship+airplane	0.97 ± 0.0013	0.80 ± 0.0037	0.53 ± 0.0811	0.55 ± 0.0359	1.65 ± 0.2366	0.98 ± 0.0247	
truck+airplane	0.95 ± 0.0020	0.72 ± 0.0041	0.46 ± 0.0542	0.53 ± 0.0176	1.85 ± 0.1448	0.97 ± 0.0579	
truck+automobile	0.99 ± 0.0004	0.85 ± 0.0067	0.60 ± 0.0790	0.53 ± 0.0340	1.49 ± 0.1063	0.90 ± 0.1301	
mean	0.94 ± 0.0270	0.68 ± 0.0883	0.44 ± 0.0666	0.53 ± 0.0175	2.55 ± 0.6970	0.99 ± 0.0244	

Table 23: AD and explanation performance averaged over 4 random seeds on CIFAR-10 for DSVDD. Each row shows results for a different normal definition.

Normal	AD		Explanation				Concept Acc
	AuROC	Score distance	CF AuROC	Sub. AuROC	FID _N		
airplane+automobile	0.50 ± 0.0357	0.00 ± 0.0002	0.48 ± 0.0517	0.46 ± 0.0260	1.20 ± 0.0111	0.84 ± 0.1424	
airplane+bird	0.49 ± 0.0111	0.00 ± 0.0005	0.46 ± 0.0219	0.49 ± 0.0448	1.27 ± 0.0950	0.93 ± 0.0503	
automobile+bird	0.49 ± 0.0145	0.00 ± 0.0002	0.49 ± 0.0081	0.49 ± 0.0184	1.23 ± 0.0524	0.93 ± 0.0859	
automobile+cat	0.50 ± 0.0148	0.00 ± 0.0007	0.48 ± 0.0153	0.47 ± 0.0251	1.22 ± 0.0567	0.90 ± 0.0745	
bird+cat	0.53 ± 0.0162	0.00 ± 0.0003	0.51 ± 0.0344	0.50 ± 0.0033	1.08 ± 0.0223	0.98 ± 0.0223	
bird+deer	0.56 ± 0.0278	0.00 ± 0.0003	0.54 ± 0.0345	0.51 ± 0.0122	0.97 ± 0.0304	0.97 ± 0.0183	
cat+deer	0.56 ± 0.0418	0.00 ± 0.0008	0.54 ± 0.0486	0.53 ± 0.0228	1.02 ± 0.0201	0.95 ± 0.0201	
cat+dog	0.52 ± 0.0105	0.00 ± 0.0011	0.49 ± 0.0332	0.49 ± 0.0148	1.06 ± 0.0168	0.91 ± 0.0690	
deer+dog	0.55 ± 0.0213	0.00 ± 0.0030	0.51 ± 0.0377	0.53 ± 0.0211	1.10 ± 0.0348	0.89 ± 0.1620	
deer+frog	0.57 ± 0.1151	0.01 ± 0.0046	0.53 ± 0.1167	0.59 ± 0.0516	0.87 ± 0.0342	0.93 ± 0.0919	
dog+frog	0.60 ± 0.0431	0.00 ± 0.0034	0.60 ± 0.0514	0.53 ± 0.0323	0.95 ± 0.0188	0.87 ± 0.0848	
dog+horse	0.53 ± 0.0102	0.00 ± 0.0006	0.49 ± 0.0408	0.49 ± 0.0178	1.17 ± 0.0254	0.92 ± 0.0427	
frog+horse	0.60 ± 0.0398	0.01 ± 0.0048	0.56 ± 0.0160	0.57 ± 0.0228	1.07 ± 0.0079	0.99 ± 0.0030	
frog+ship	0.52 ± 0.0144	0.00 ± 0.0004	0.50 ± 0.0326	0.53 ± 0.0188	1.08 ± 0.0331	0.97 ± 0.0261	
horse+ship	0.49 ± 0.0374	0.00 ± 0.0002	0.48 ± 0.0409	0.48 ± 0.0077	1.17 ± 0.0563	0.96 ± 0.0209	
horse+truck	0.50 ± 0.0346	0.00 ± 0.0006	0.51 ± 0.0287	0.46 ± 0.0147	1.21 ± 0.0579	0.88 ± 0.1041	
ship+truck	0.47 ± 0.0265	0.00 ± 0.0003	0.49 ± 0.0195	0.46 ± 0.0201	1.05 ± 0.0330	0.96 ± 0.0365	
ship+airplane	0.50 ± 0.0246	0.00 ± 0.0002	0.48 ± 0.0400	0.42 ± 0.0326	1.10 ± 0.0722	0.87 ± 0.1070	
truck+airplane	0.48 ± 0.0545	0.00 ± 0.0004	0.48 ± 0.0460	0.46 ± 0.0205	1.15 ± 0.0309	0.94 ± 0.0497	
truck+automobile	0.51 ± 0.0279	0.00 ± 0.0009	0.52 ± 0.0356	0.45 ± 0.0143	1.06 ± 0.0331	0.86 ± 0.1105	
mean	0.53 ± 0.0356	0.00 ± 0.0023	0.51 ± 0.0332	0.50 ± 0.0414	1.10 ± 0.0998	0.92 ± 0.0424	

E Random collection of generated counterfactual examples

In the main paper, we proposed a method to generate counterfactual explanations (CEs) for deep AD. We demonstrated their effectiveness by showing a small fraction of the generated CEs in Section 4.2. Here, we show a larger collection of CEs for all normal definitions. For each normal definition, we randomly selected two samples to serve as examples. Figures 9, 10, and 11 show CEs for Colored-MNIST (C-MNIST) and an AD trained with BCE, HSC, and DSVDD, respectively.

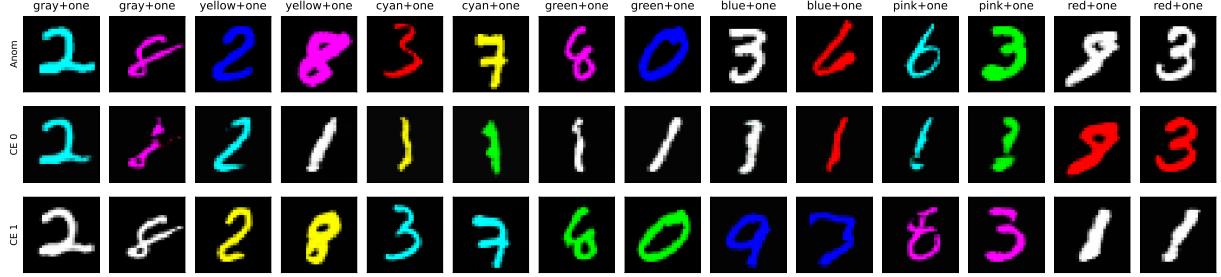


Figure 9: CEs for Col-MNIST and an anomaly detector trained with BCE (OE). For each normal definition, a different detector and CE generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding combined normal class at the top.

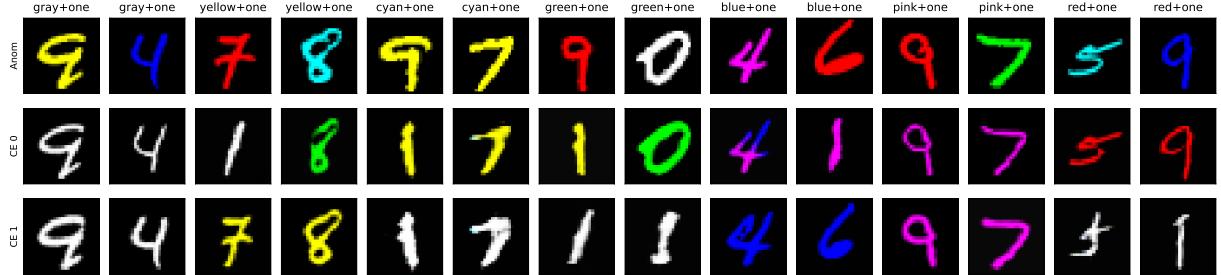


Figure 10: CEs for Col-MNIST and an anomaly detector trained with HSC (OE). For each normal definition, a different detector and CE generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding combined normal class at the top.

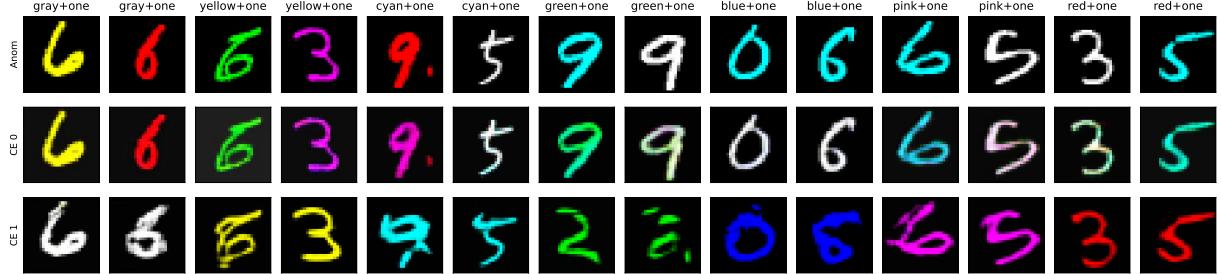


Figure 11: CEs for Col-MNIST and an anomaly detector trained with DSVDD. For each normal definition, a different detector and counterfactual generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding combined normal class at the top.

Figures 12, 13, and 14 show CEs for MNIST, single classes being normal, and an AD trained with BCE, HSC, and DSVDD, respectively.

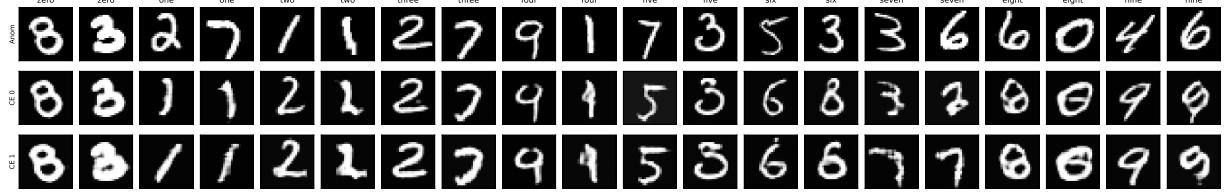


Figure 12: CEs for MNIST, diverse single normal classes, and an anomaly detector trained with BCE (OE). For each normal definition, a different detector and counterfactual generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding single normal class at the top.

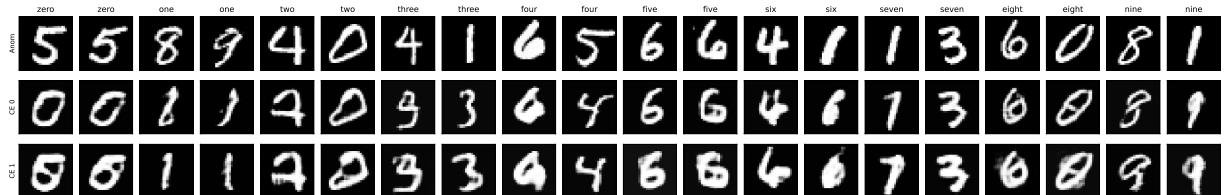


Figure 13: CEs for MNIST, diverse single normal classes, and an anomaly detector trained with HSC (OE). For each normal definition, a different detector and counterfactual generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding single normal class at the top.

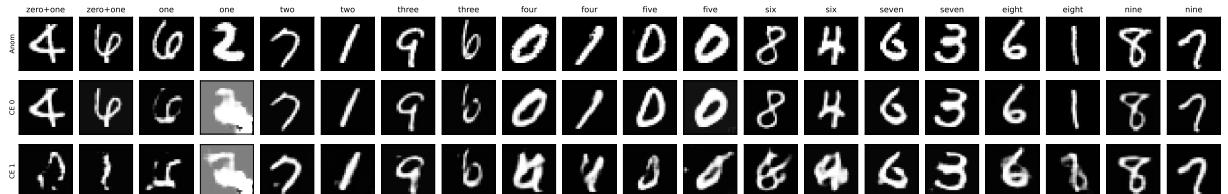


Figure 14: CEs for MNIST, diverse single normal classes, and an anomaly detector trained with DSVDD. For each normal definition, a different detector and counterfactual generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding single normal class at the top.

Figures 15, 16, and 17 show CEs for CIFAR-10, single classes being normal, and an AD trained with BCE, HSC, and DSVDD, respectively.



Figure 15: CEs for CIFAR-10, diverse single normal classes, and an anomaly detector trained with BCE (OE). For each normal definition, a different detector and counterfactual generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding single normal class at the top.



Figure 16: CEs for CIFAR-10, diverse single normal classes, and an anomaly detector trained with HSC (OE). For each normal definition, a different detector and counterfactual generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding single normal class at the top.



Figure 17: CEs for CIFAR-10, diverse single normal classes, and an anomaly detector trained with DSVDD. For each normal definition, a different detector and counterfactual generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding single normal class at the top.

Figures 18, 19, and 20 show CEs for MNIST, class combinations being normal, and an AD trained with BCE, HSC, and DSVDD, respectively.

	zero+one	zero+one	zero+two	zero+two	one+two	one+two	one+three	one+three	two+three	two+three	two+four	two+four	three+four	three+four	three+five	three+five	four+five	four+five	four+six	four+six
zero	7	8	8	4	9	0	7	7	6	7	6	3	1	9	1	6	2	6	5	3
CE 0	7	8	8	9	9	0	7	7	6	7	6	3	4	9	3	5	8	6	6	3
CE 1	0	8	8	0	0	2	7	7	6	7	5	2	1	3	5	5	8	6	6	3
	five+six	five+six	five+seven	five+seven	six+seven	six+seven	six+eight	six+eight	seven+eight	seven+eight	seven+nine	seven+nine	eight+nine	eight+nine	eight+zero	eight+zero	nine+zero	nine+zero	nine+one	nine+one
Anom	9	8	0	2	1	2	4	7	2	5	6	3	7	2	3	3	7	1	2	3
CE 0	5	8	0	2	1	2	4	7	2	5	9	3	7	2	8	3	7	9	2	3
CE 1	5	8	6	2	6	2	8	2	5	7	3	7	2	8	3	7	0	9	3	

Figure 18: CEs for MNIST, diverse combined normal classes, and an anomaly detector trained with BCE (OE). For each normal definition, a different detector and counterfactual generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding combined normal class at the top.

	zero+one	zero+one	zero+two	zero+two	one+two	one+two	one+three	one+three	two+three	two+three	two+four	two+four	three+four	three+four	three+five	three+five	four+five	four+five	four+six	four+six	
zero	2	2	1	3	9	8	2	0	5	7	3	8	9	9	8	4	2	0	8	1	
CE 0	2	2	1	3	9	8	2	0	3	7	3	8	9	9	8	3	2	0	8	6	
CE 1	0	0	1	3	9	8	2	3	9	3	7	3	8	3	3	8	3	2	0	8	1
	five+six	five+six	five+seven	five+seven	six+seven	six+seven	six+eight	six+eight	seven+eight	seven+eight	seven+nine	seven+nine	eight+nine	eight+nine	eight+zero	eight+zero	nine+zero	nine+zero	nine+one	nine+one	
Anom	8	1	6	3	1	0	5	9	2	9	5	6	1	7	7	2	1	3	8	5	
CE 0	8	6	6	3	7	0	5	9	2	9	5	9	8	7	7	2	1	3	8	5	
CE 1	8	6	6	3	7	0	5	8	8	9	9	9	9	7	7	2	1	3	8	5	

Figure 19: CEs for MNIST, diverse combined normal classes, and an anomaly detector trained with HSC (OE). For each normal definition, a different detector and counterfactual generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding combined normal class at the top.

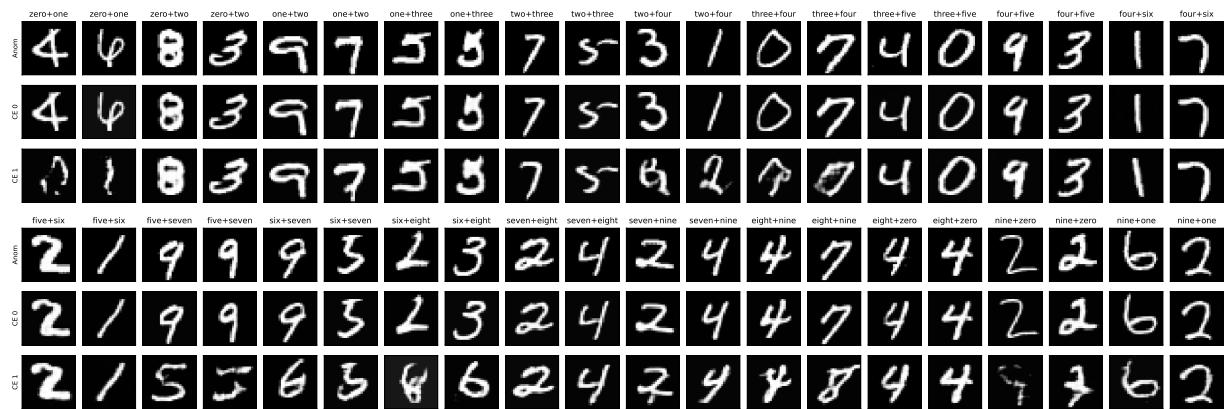


Figure 20: CEs for MNIST, diverse combined normal classes, and an anomaly detector trained with DSVDD. For each normal definition, a different detector and counterfactual generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding combined normal class at the top.

Figures 21, 22, and 23 show CEs for CIFAR-10, class combinations being normal, and an AD trained with BCE, HSC, and DSVDD, respectively.

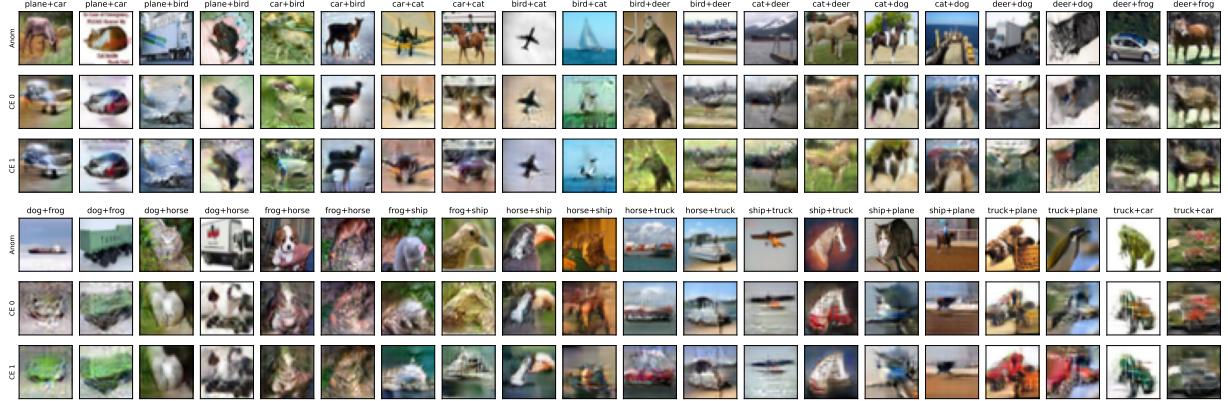


Figure 21: CEs for CIFAR-10, diverse combined normal classes, and an anomaly detector trained with BCE (OE). For each normal definition, a different detector and counterfactual generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding combined normal class at the top.

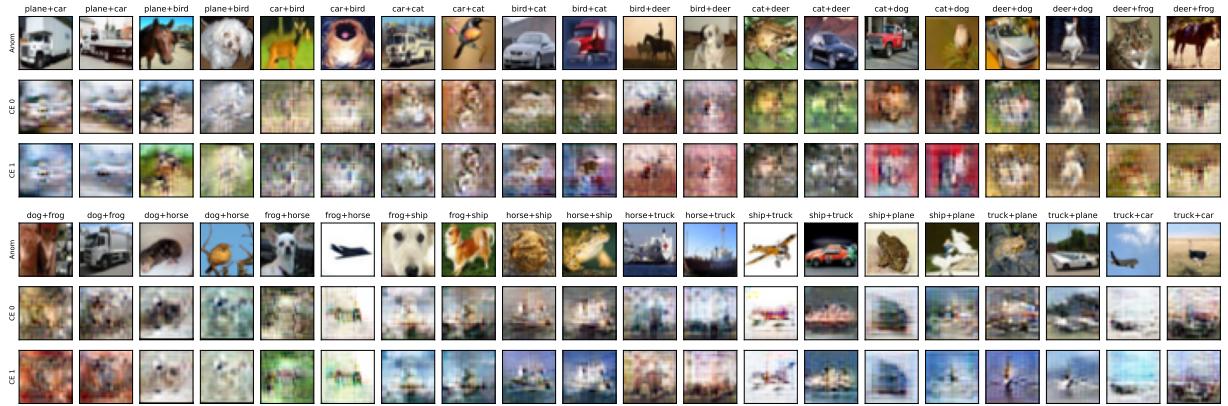


Figure 22: CEs for CIFAR-10, diverse combined normal classes, and an anomaly detector trained with HSC (OE). For each normal definition, a different detector and counterfactual generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding combined normal class at the top.

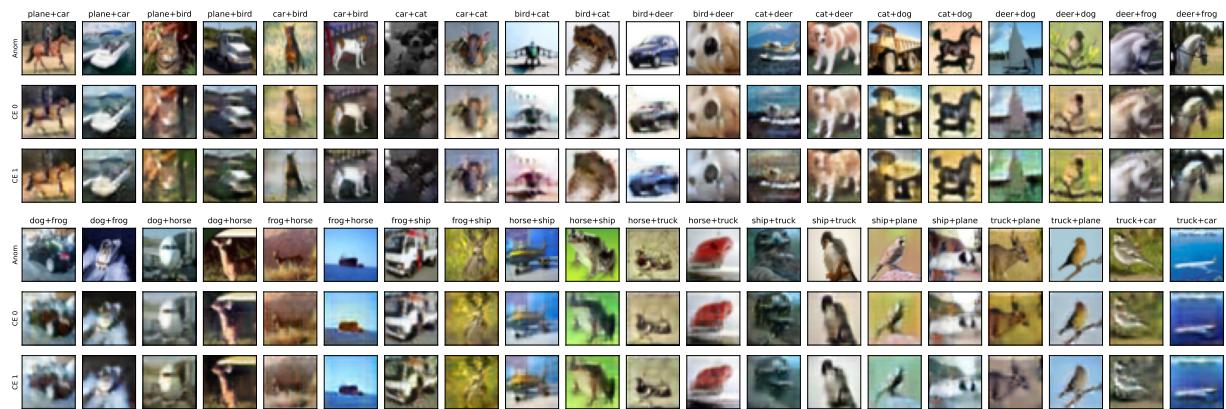


Figure 23: CEs for CIFAR-10, diverse combined normal classes, and an anomaly detector trained with DSVDD. For each normal definition, a different detector and counterfactual generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding combined normal class at the top.

Figures 24, 25, and 26 show CEs for GTSDB, class combinations being normal, and an AD trained with BCE, HSC, and DSVDD, respectively.



Figure 24: CEs for GTSDB and an anomaly detector trained with BCE OE. For each normal definition, a different detector and counterfactual generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding combined normal class at the top.



Figure 25: CEs for GTSDB and an anomaly detector trained with HSC OE. For each normal definition, a different detector and counterfactual generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding combined normal class at the top.



Figure 26: CEs for GTSDB and an anomaly detector trained with DSVDD. For each normal definition, a different detector and counterfactual generator was trained. In each subfigure, the first row shows anomalies, the other two corresponding counterfactuals for two different concepts. Each column is labeled with the corresponding combined normal class at the top.