

Anomaly Detection in Images

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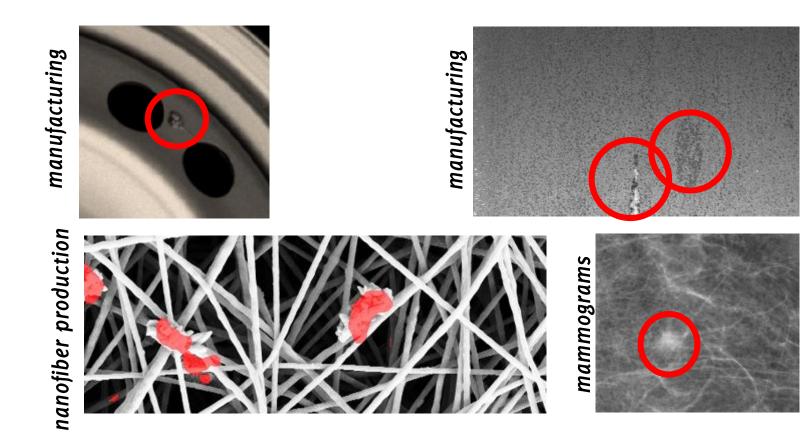
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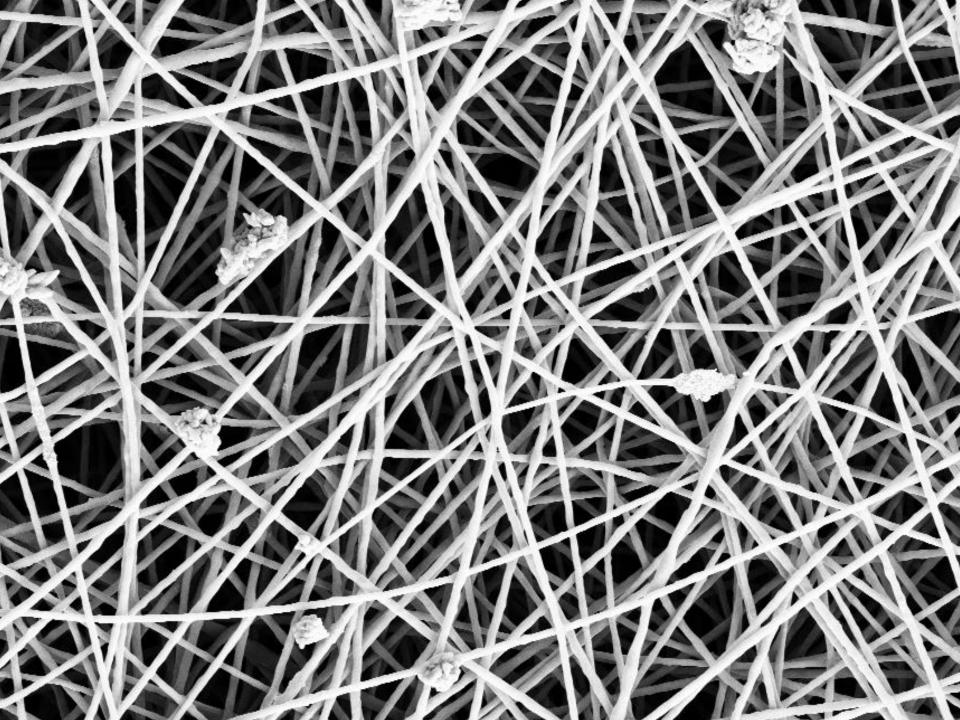


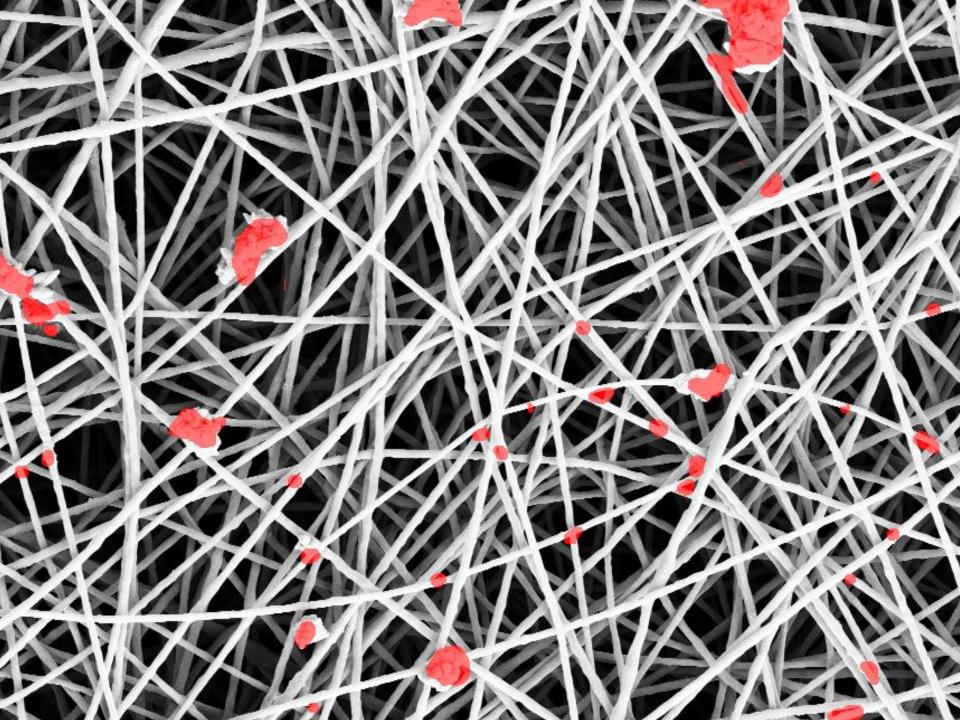
ANOMALY DETECTION PROBLEMS

Anomaly detection problems are ubiquitous in imaging applications.

Relevant examples spans from quality inspection and health





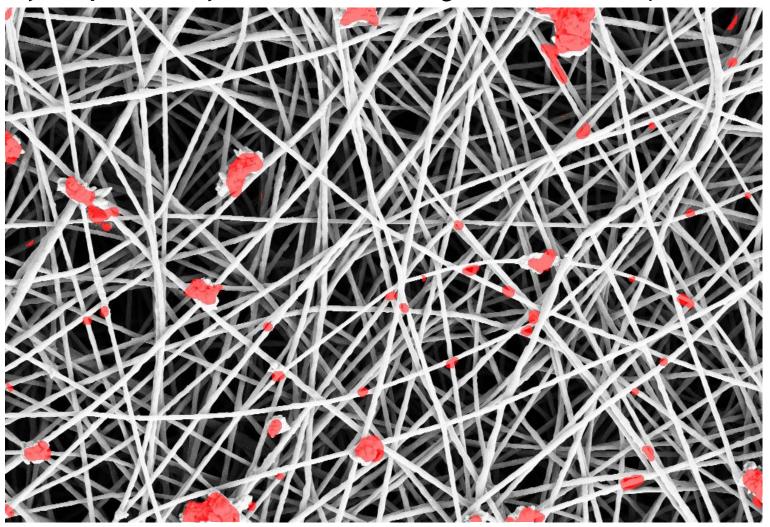




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Quality Inspection Systems: monitoring the nanofiber production

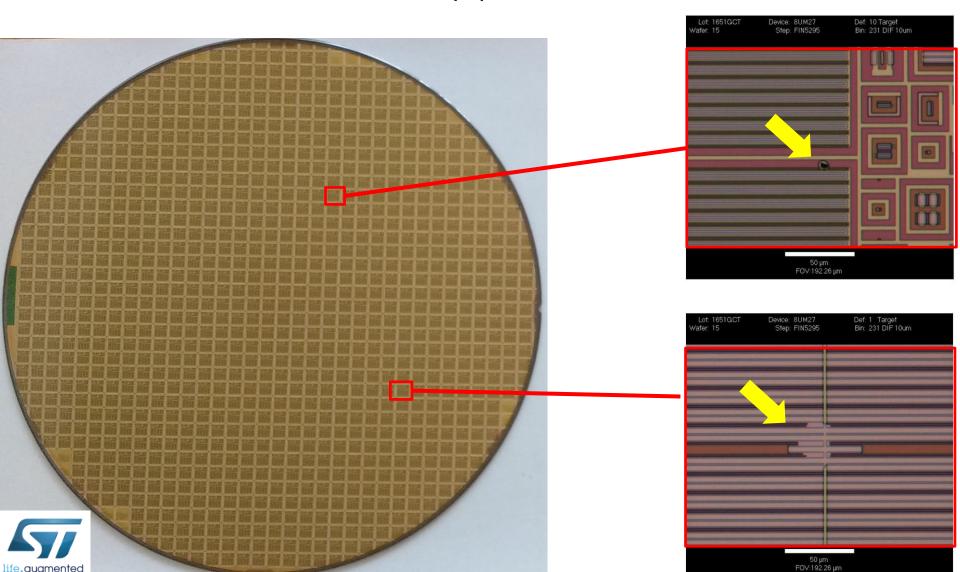


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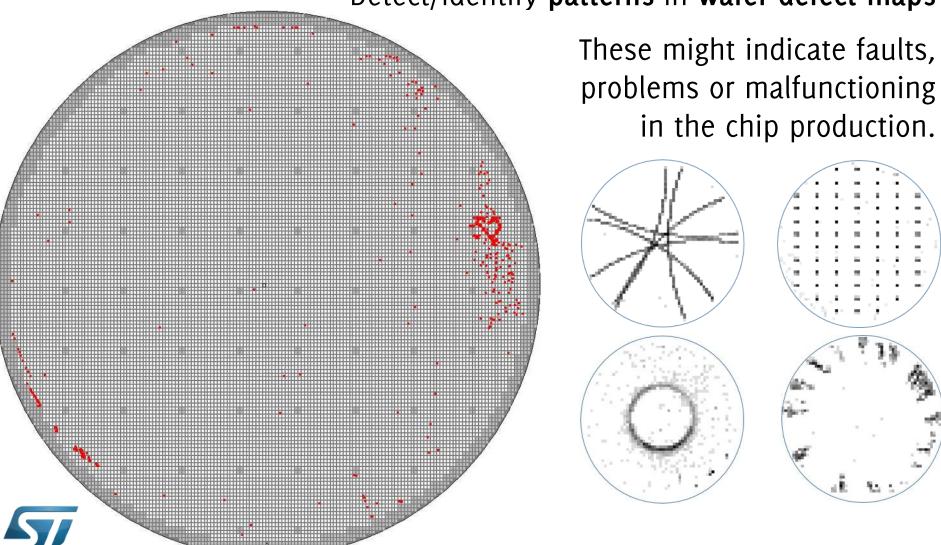
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Detection of anomalies in chip production





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OBJECT DETECTION IN NATURAL IMAGES



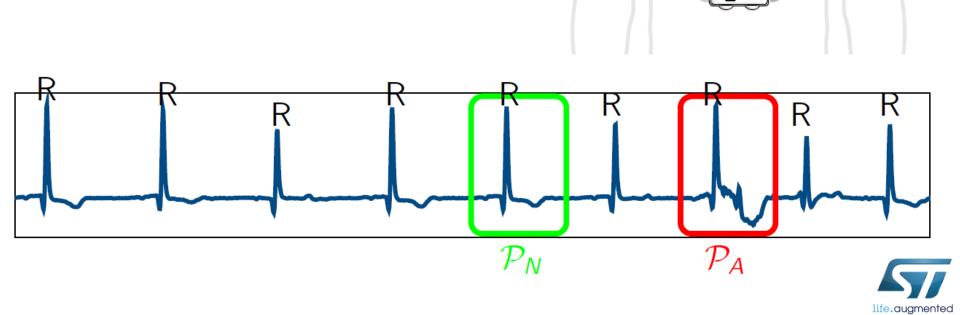
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Health monitoring / wearable devices:

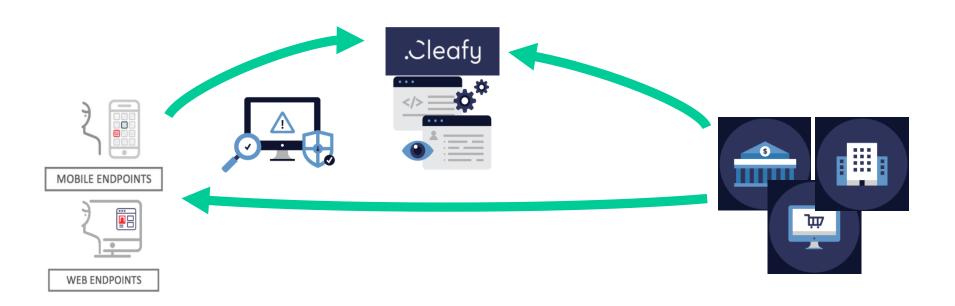
Automatically analyze EGC tracings to detect arrhythmias or incorrect device positioning



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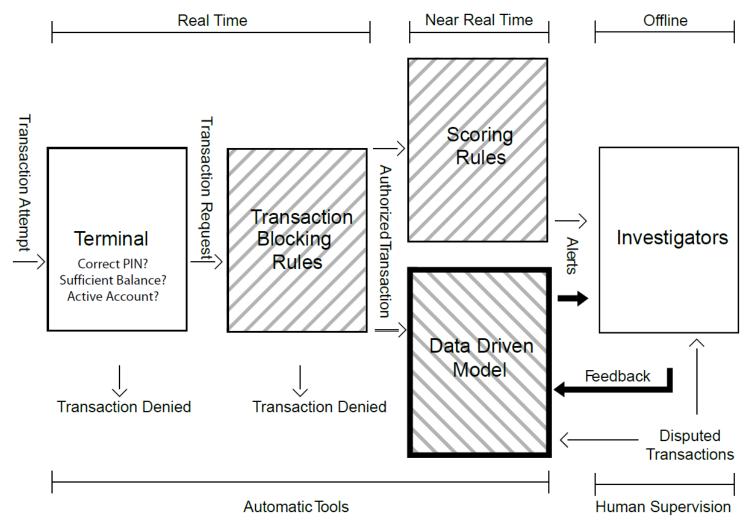
Anomaly detection in web sessions in bank e-commerce site







Fraud detection in credit card transactions/web sessions



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Dal Pozzolo A., Boracchi G., Caelen O., Alippi C. and Bontempi G., "Credit Card Fraud Detection: a Realistic Modeling and a Novel Learning Strategy", IEEE TNNL 2017, 14 pages

Part1, Problem Formulation and the "Random Variable" world:

- Problem formulation
- Performance measures
- Anomaly detection approaches for random variables (supervised, semi-supervised, unsupervised)

Part2, Anomaly detection in images by learned models:

- Patch-based approaches (semi-supervised, unsupervised)
- Reference-based solutions
- Deep-learning solutions
 (supervised, semi-supervised, unsupervised)

I refer to either changes/anomalies according to our personal experience in the applications we have been addressing.

Anomaly and change detection are different problems, we will briefly summarize the two.

For a **complete overview** on change/anomaly algorithms please refer to surveys below.

- T. Ehret, A. Davy, JM Morel, M. Delbracio "Image Anomalies: A Review and Synthesis of Detection Methods", Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision, 1-34
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The Problem Formulation

Anomaly Detection Problem where observations are i.i.d. realizations of a random variable

Forget about images for a while and look for anomalies in a set of random vectors

... these techniques will come very handy also for images

"Anomalies are patterns in data that do not conform to a well defined notion of normal behavior"

Thus:

- Normal data are generated from a stationary process \mathcal{P}_N
- Anomalies are from a different process $\mathcal{P}_A \neq \mathcal{P}_N$

Examples:

- Frauds in the stream of all the credit card transactions
- Arrhythmias in ECG tracings
- Defective regions in an image, which do not conform a reference pattern

Anomalies might appear as **spurious** elements, and are typically the most **informative** samples in the stream



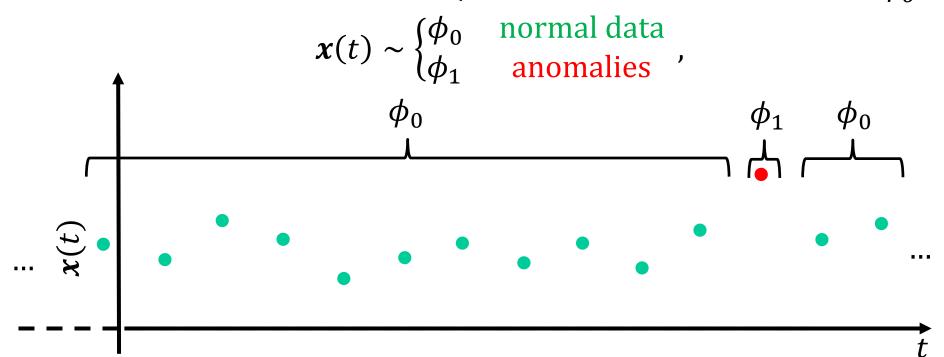
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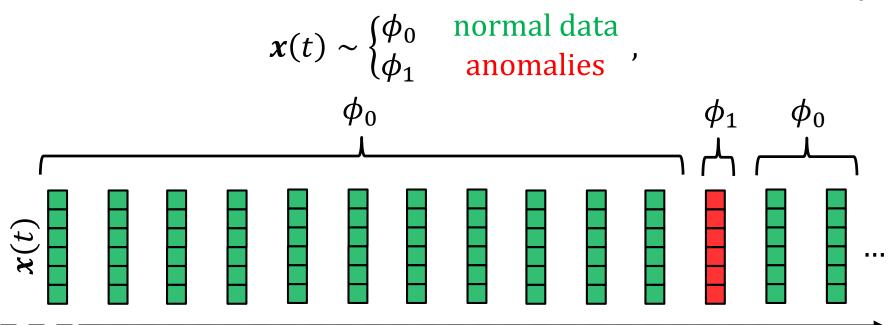
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THE LEGAL CASE OF MR HADLUM V. MRS HADLUM (1949)

The sole evidence of adultery consisted of the birth of a child 349 days after Mr Hadlum had left for military service abroad.

Statistical Approaches

..to detect anomalies



THE ANOMALY / CHANGE DETECTION PROBLEMS

Anomaly-detection problem:

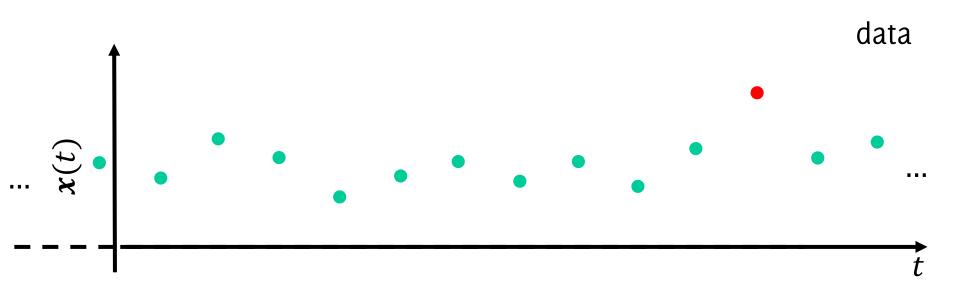
Locate those samples that do not conform the normal ones or a model explaining normal ones

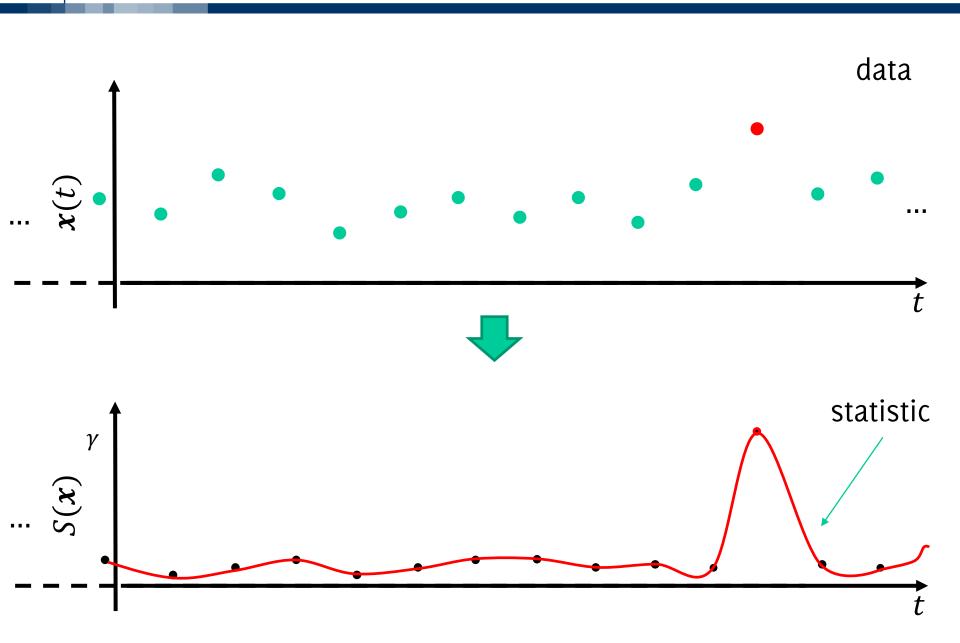
Anomalies in data translate to significant information

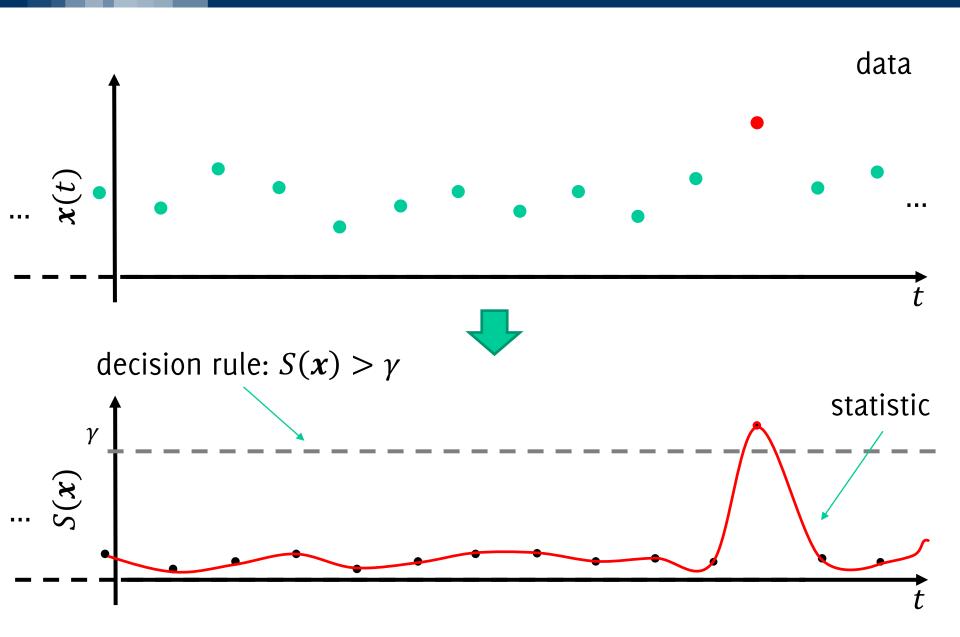


Most algorithms are composed of:

- A **statistic** that has a known response to normal data (e.g., the average, the sample variance, the log-likelihood, the confidence of a classifier, an "anomaly score"...)
- A **decision rule** to analyze the statistic (e.g., an adaptive threshold, a confidence region)









Performance Measures

Assessing performance of anomaly detection algorithms

ANOMALY-DETECTION PERFORMANCE

Anomaly detection performance:

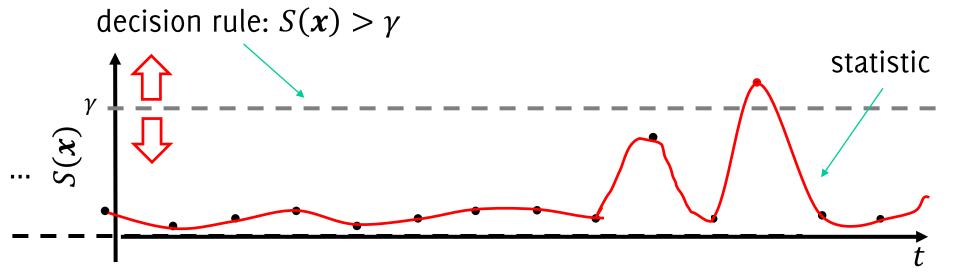
- True positive rate: $TPR = \frac{\#\{\text{anomalies detected}\}}{\#\{\text{anomalies}\}}$
- False positive rate: $FPR = \frac{\#\{\text{normal samples detected}\}}{\#\{\text{normal samples}\}}$

You have probably also heard of

- False negative rate (or miss-rate): FNR = 1 TPR
- True negative rate (or specificity): TNR = 1 FPR
- Precision on anomalies: $\frac{\#\{anomalies detected\}}{\#\{detections\}}$
- Recall on anomalies (or sensitivity, hit-rate): TPR

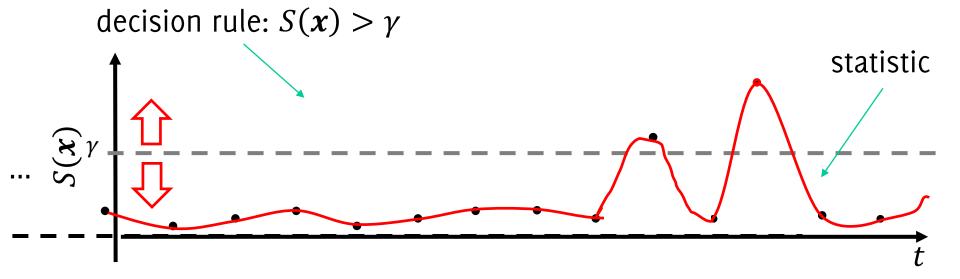
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ANOMALY-DETECTION PERFORMANCE

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Thus, to correctly assess performance it is necessary to consider at least **two indicators** (e.g., TPR, FPR)

Indicators combining both TPR and FPR:

Accuracy =
$$\frac{\#\{\text{anomalies detected}\} + \#\{\text{normal samples not detected}\}}{\#\{\text{samples}\}}$$

F1 Score =
$$\frac{2\#\{\text{anomalies detected}\}}{\#\{\text{detections}\} + \#\{\text{anomalies}\}}$$

These equal 1 in case of "ideal detector" which detects all the anomalies and has no false positives



ANOMALY-DETECTION PERFORMANCE

Comparing different methods might be tricky since we have to make sure that both have been configured in their best conditions

Testing a large number of parameters lead to the ROC (receiver

operating characteristic) curve

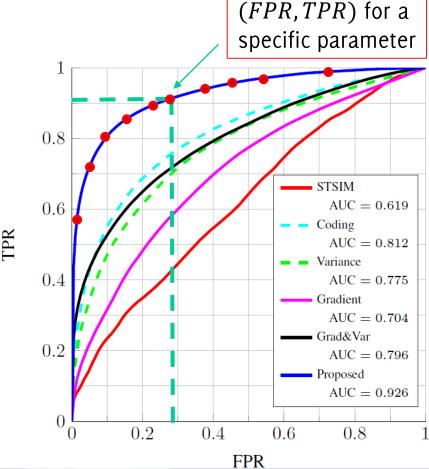
The ideal detector would achieve:

- FPR = 0%,
- TPR = 100%

Thus, the closer to (0,1) the better

The largest the **Area Under the Curve** (AUC), the better

The optimal parameter is the one yielding the point closest to (0,1)



Anomaly detection approaches

...when ϕ_0 and ϕ_1 are unknown



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SUPERVISED ANOMALY DETECTION - DISCLAIMER

Most papers and reviews agree that supervised methods have not to be considered part of anomaly detection, because:

- Anomalies in general lacks of a statistical coherence
- Not (enough) training samples are provided for anomalies

However,

- Some supervised problems are often referred to as «detection», in case of severe class imbalance (e.g. fraud detection)
- Supervised models can be transferred in unsupervised methods, in particular for deep learning



SUPERVISED ANOMALY DETECTION - SOLUTIONS

In **supervised methods** training data are annotated and divided in normal (+) and anomalies (-):

$$TR = \{(x(t), y(t)), t < t_0, x \in \mathbb{R}^d, y \in \{+, -\}\}$$

Solution:

 Train a two-class classifier to distinguish normal vs anomalous data.

During training:

• Learn a classifier \mathcal{K} from TR.

During testing:

- Compute the classifier output $\mathcal{K}(x)$, or
- Set a threshold on the posterior $p_{\mathcal{K}}(-|x|)$, or
- Select the *k* —most likely anomalies



SUPERVISED ANOMALY DETECTION - CHALLENGES

These classification problems are challenging because these anomaly-detection settings typically imply:

- Class Imbalance: Normal data far outnumber anomalies
- Concept Drift: Anomalies might evolve over time, thus the few annotated anomalies might not be representative of anomalies occurring during operations
- Selection Bias: Training samples are typically selected through a closed-loop and biased procedure. Often only detected anomalies are annotated, and the vast majority of the stream remain unsupervised. This biases the selection of training samples.



SUPERVISED ANOMALY DETECTION - AN EXAMPLE

This is what typically happens in fraud detection.

Class Imbalance:

Frauds are typically less than 1% of genuine transactions

Concept Drift:

Fraudster always implement new strategies

Sampling Selection Bias:

- Only alerted / reported transactions are controlled and annotated
- Old transactions that have not been disputed are considered genuine transactions



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SEMI-SUPERVISED ANOMALY DETECTION

In semi-supervised methods the TR is composed of normal data $TR = \{x(t), t < t_0, x \sim \phi_0\}$

Very practical assumptions:

- Normal data are often easy to gather
- Anomalous data are difficult/costly to collect/select and it
 would be difficult to gather a representative training set
- Training examples in TR might not be representative of all the possible anomalies that can occur

All in all, it is often safer to detect any data departing from the normal conditions

Semi-supervised anomaly-detection methods are also referred to as **novelty-detection methods**

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Density-Based Methods: Normal data occur in high probability regions of a stochastic model, while anomalies occur in the low probability regions of the model

During training: $\hat{\phi}_0$ can be **estimated** from the training set $TR = \{x(t), t < t_0, x \sim \phi_0\}$

- parametric models (e.g., Gaussian mixture models)
- nonparametric models (e.g. KDE, histograms)

During testing:

• Anomalies are detected as data yielding $\hat{\phi}_0(x) < \eta$

DENSITY-BASED METHODS

Advantages:

- $\hat{\phi}_0(x)$ indicates how safe a detection is (like a p-value)
- If the density estimation process is robust to outliers, it is possible to tolerate few anomalous samples in TR
- Histograms are simple to compute in relatively small dimensions

Challenges:

- It is challenging to fit models for high-dimensional data
- Histograms traditionally suffer of **curse of dimensionality** when *d* increases
- Often the 1D histograms of the marginals are monitored, ignoring the correlations among components



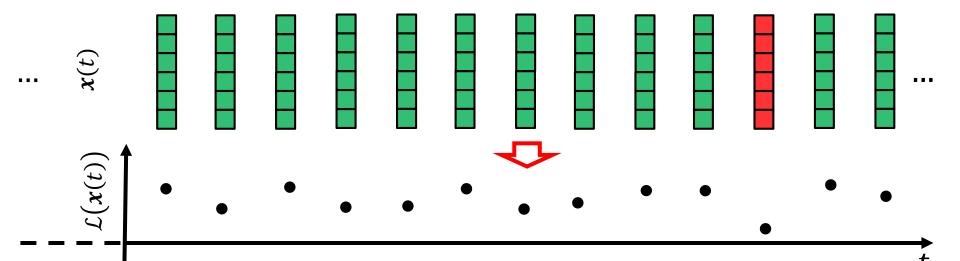
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This is quite a popular approach in either anomaly and change detection algorithms

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DOMAIN-BASED METHODS

Domain-based methods: Estimate a boundary around normal data, rather than the density of normal data.

A drawback of density-estimation methods is that they are meant to be accurate in high-density regions, while anomalies live in low-density ones.

One-Class SVM are domain-based methods defined by the normal samples at the periphery of the distribution.

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ONE-CLASS SVM (SCHÖLKOPF ET AL. 1999)

Idea: define boundaries by estimating a binary function f that captures regions of the input space where density is higher.

As in support vector methods, f is defined in the feature space F and decision boundaries are defined by a few support vectors (i.e., a few normal data).

Let $\psi(x)$ the feature associated to x, f is defined as

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{sign}(\langle w, \psi(\mathbf{x}) \rangle - \rho)$$

Where the hyperplane parameters w, ρ are optimized to yield a **function that is positive on most training samples.** Thus in the feature space, normal points can be separated from the origin.

A linear separation in the feature space corresponds to a variety of nonlinear boundaries in the space of x.

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Boundaries of normal region can be also defined by an hypersphere that, in the feature space, encloses most of the normal data.

Similar detection formulas hold, measuring the distance in the feature space between the sphere center and $\psi(x)$ for $x \in TR$.

The function is always defined by a few support vectors.

Remarks: In both one-class approaches, the amount of samples that falls within the margin (outliers) is controlled by regularization parameters.

This parameter regulates the number of outliers in the training set and the detector sensitivity.



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UNSUPERVISED ANOMALY-DETECTION

The training set TR might contain **both normal and anomalous data**. However, **no labels** are provided

$$TR = \{x(t), t < t_0\}$$

Underlying assumption: *Anomalies are rare* w.r.t. normal data TR One in principle could use:

- Density/Domain based methods that are robust to outliers can be applied in an unsupervised scenario
- Unsupervised methods can be improved whenever labels are available



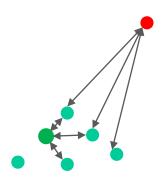
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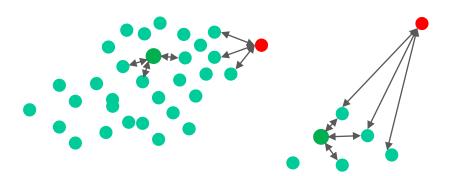
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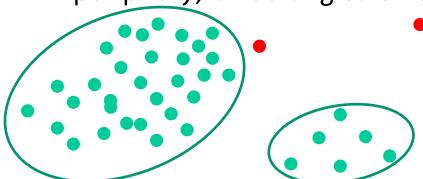
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- whether they do not belong to **clusters**, or are at the cluster periphery, or belong to small and sparse clusters





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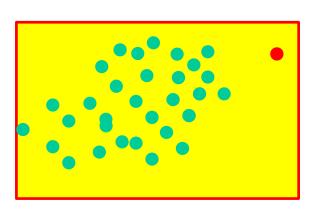
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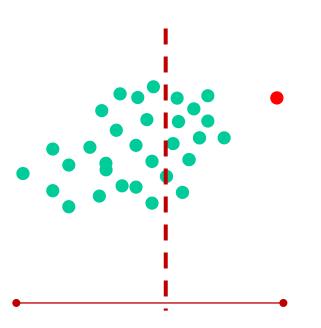
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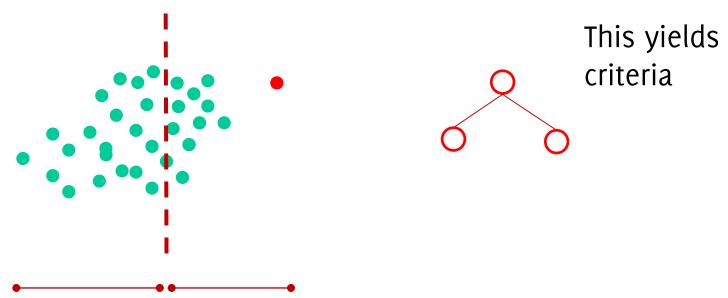
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Fei Tony Liu, Kai Ming Ting and Zhi-Hua Zhou, Isolation Forest, ICDM 2008



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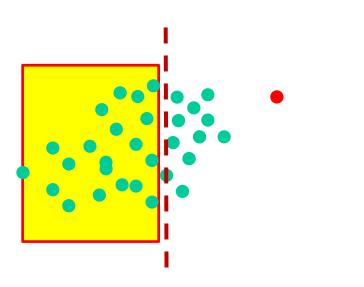


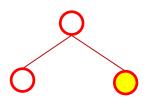
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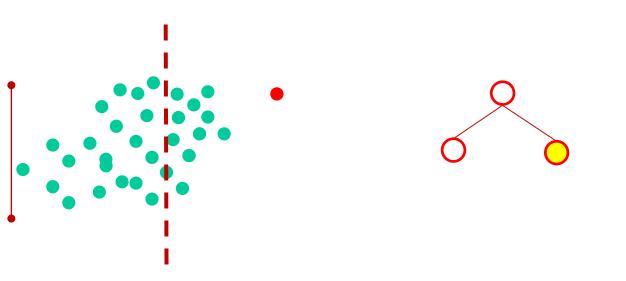


Repeat the procedure on each node:



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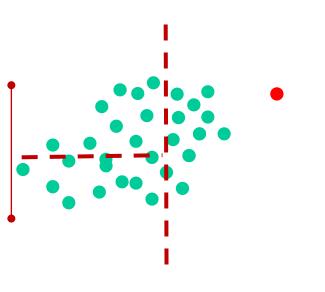


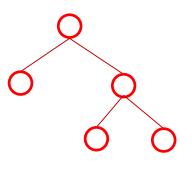
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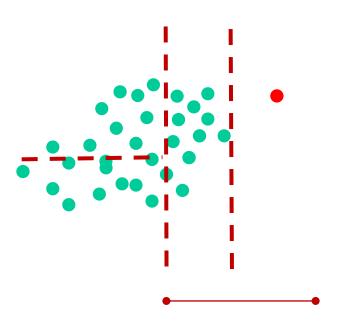


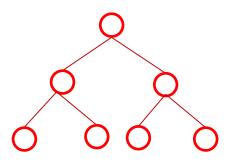
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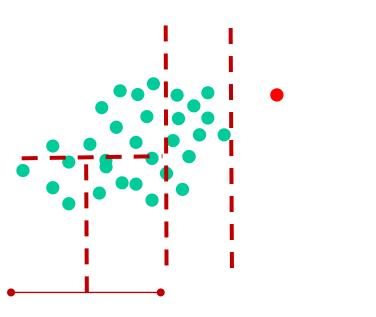


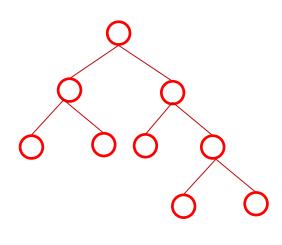
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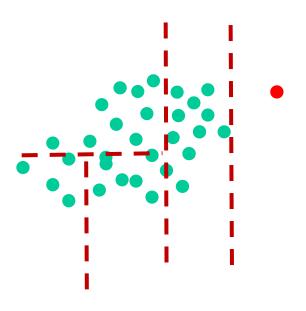


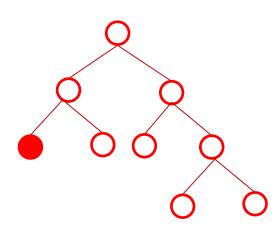
Repeat the procedure on the nodes:
Randomly select a component and a cut point



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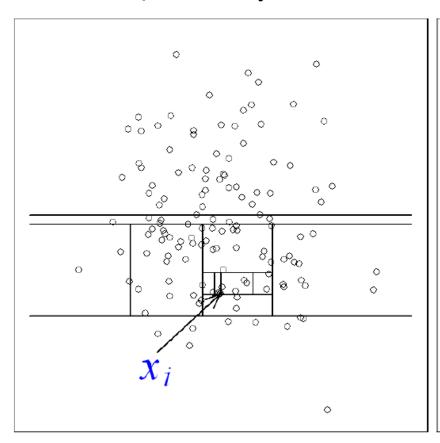


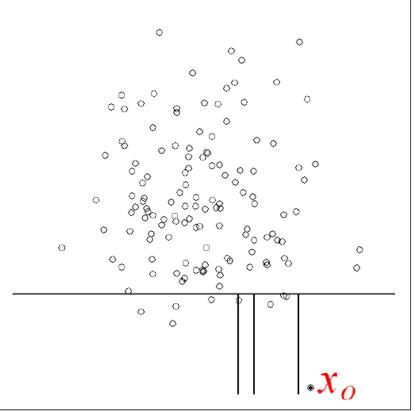


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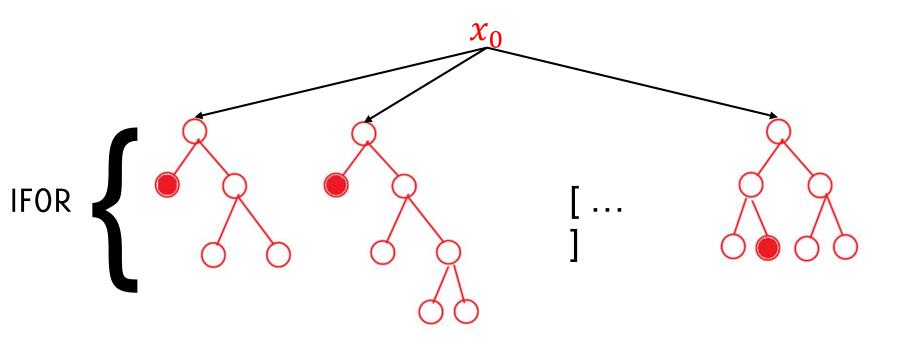


An anomalous point (x_0) can be easily isolated Genuine points (x_i) are instead difficult to isolate.

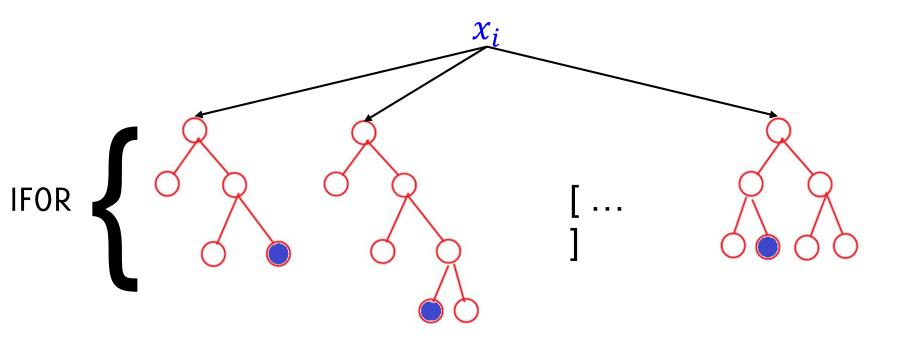




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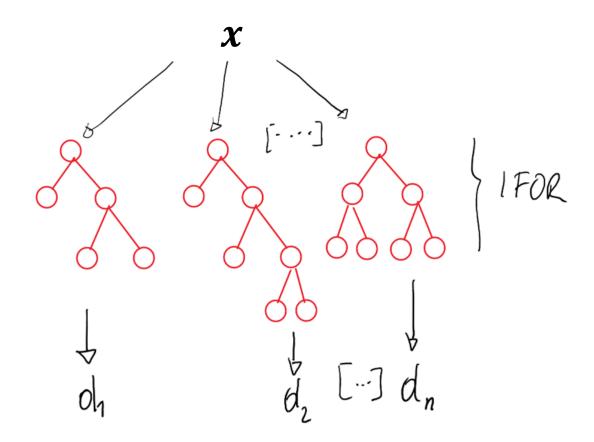
Normal data





ISOLATION FOREST: TESTING

Compute E(h(x)), the average path length among all the trees in the forest, of a test sample x





ISOLATION FOREST: TESTING

A test sample is identified as anomalous when:

$$\mathcal{A}(x) = 2^{-\frac{E(h(x))}{c(n)}} > \gamma$$

- n: number of sessions in TR
- c(n): average path length of unsuccessful search in Binary



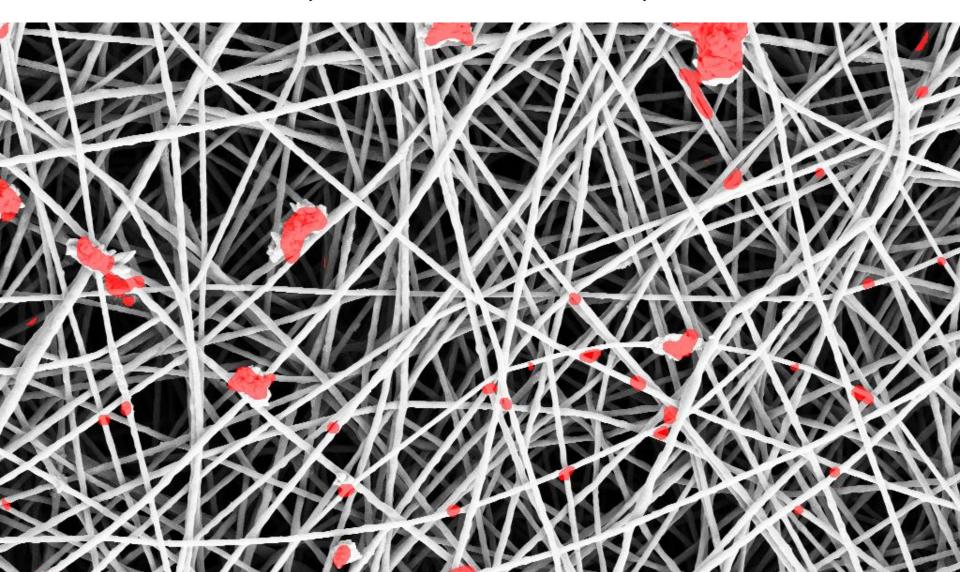
Let's go back to images now...

Applying statistical methods to image patches

OUR RUNNING EXAMPLE



Goal: Automatically measure area covered by defects



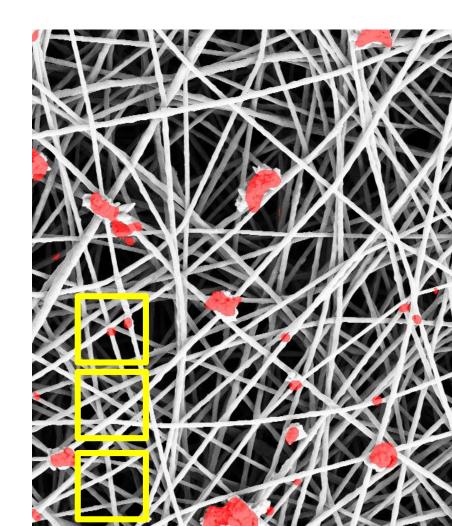


ANOMALY DETECTION IN IMAGES

The goal not determining whether the whole image is normal or anomalous, but locate/segment possible anomalies

Therefore, it is convenient to

- 1. Analyze the image patch-wise
- 2. Isolate regions containing patches that are detected as as anomalies



Can we pursue approaches meant for random variables on image patches?



A density-based approach to AD would be:

Training

- i. Split the normal image in patches s
- ii. Fit a statistical model $\hat{\phi}_0 = \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$ describing normal patches.

Testing

- i. Split the test image in patches
- ii. Compute $\hat{\phi}_0(s)$ the likelihood of each test patch s
- iii. Detect anomalies by thresholding the likelihood



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This model is rarely accurate on natural images. Small patches (e.g. 2×2 or 5×5) are typically preferred

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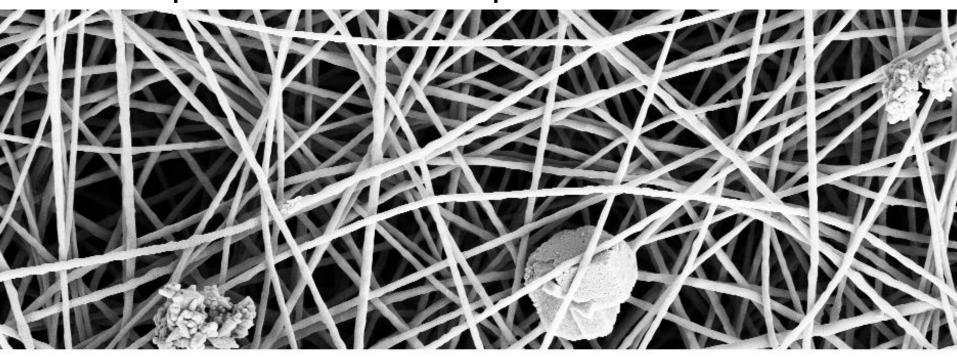
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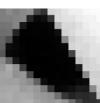
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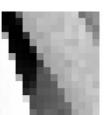
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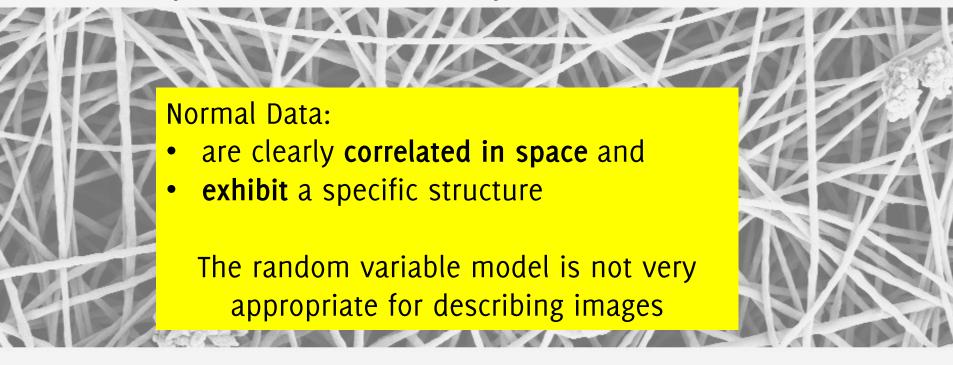


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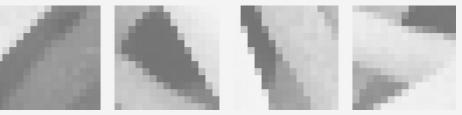


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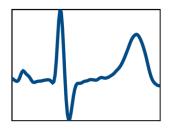


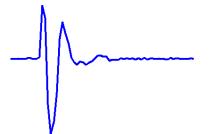
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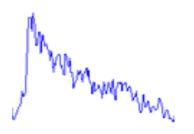




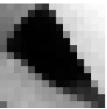
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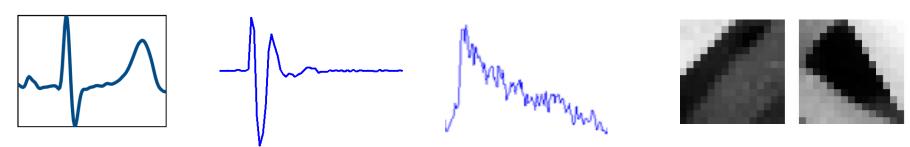
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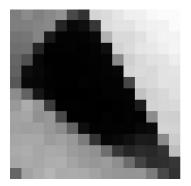
Moreover, when **normal data** exhibit a peculiar **structure**, we are interested in **detecting changes/anomalies affecting that structure**

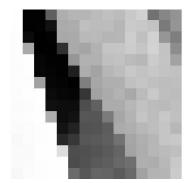


Normal patches -> background

• Exhibit a specific structure (geometry) or intensities



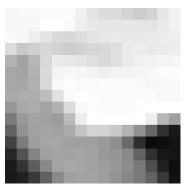


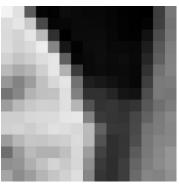




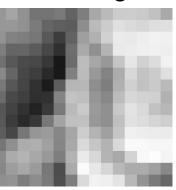
Anomalous patches:

Are rare elements that do not confrom with the background











Patch-based approaches

Out of the "Random Variable" World: signal-based models for images

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- Apply a decision rule to detect anomalies (typically thresholding)
- 4. [optional] Perform post-processing operations to enforce smooth detections and avoid isolated pixels that are not consistent with neighborhoods

Remark: Statistical-based approaches seen before uses as background model the statistical distribution $\hat{\phi}_0$ and a statistic as anomaly score



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smo Once "applied" the background model, one can use most of anomaly detection methods for the "random variable world". Remark: This might require fitting an additional model

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Different options to learn the background model

- semi-supervised approach, background model is learned exclusively normal data
- unsupervised approach, background model is fit to both normal and anomalous but it is robust to outliers



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Fit a statistical model to the observation to **describe dependence**, **apply anomaly detection** on the independent **residuals**.

Detection is performed by using a model \mathcal{M} which represents normal data:

- **During training:** learn the model \mathcal{M} from training set TR
- During testing:
 - Reconstruct each test signal s through \mathcal{M} .
 - Assess the **residuals** between **s** and its reconstruction

The rationale is that \mathcal{M} can reconstruct only normal data, thus anomalies are expected to yield large reconstruction errors.



Popular models are:

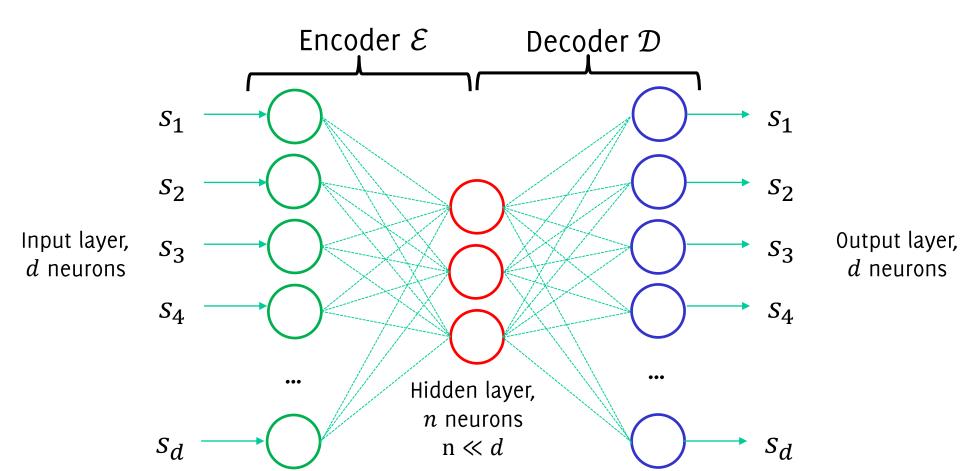
- autoregressive models for time series (ARMA, ARIMA...)
- neural networks, in particular auto-encoders, for higher dimensional data
- projection on subspaces / manifolds
- dictionaries yielding sparse-representations

The two latter can be also interpreted as subspace methods



Autoencoders are neural networks used for data reconstruction (learn the identity function)

The typical structure of an autoencoder is:





Autoencoders are non-parametric models that can be trained to reconstruct all the data in a training set. The reconstruction loss is

$$\sum_{s \in S} \|s - \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{E}(s))\|_{2}$$

and training of $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{E}(\cdot))$ is performed through standard backpropagation algorithms (e.g. SGD)

Remark

- AE typically does not provide exact reconstruction since $n \ll d$.
- Additional regularization terms might be included in the loss function

MONITORING THE RECONSTRUCTION ERROR

Detection by reconstruction error monitoring (AE notation)

Training (Monitoring the Reconstruction Error):

- 1. Train the model $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{E}(\cdot))$ from the training set TR
- 2. Learn the distribution of reconstruction errors

$$\operatorname{err}(\mathbf{s}) = \|\mathbf{s} - \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{s}))\|_{2}, \quad \mathbf{s} \in V$$

over a validation set $V \neq TR$ and define a suitable threshold γ

Testing (Monitoring the Reconstruction Error):

1. Perform encoding and compute the reconstruction error $\operatorname{err}(\boldsymbol{s}) = \|\boldsymbol{s} - \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{E}(\boldsymbol{s}))\|_2$

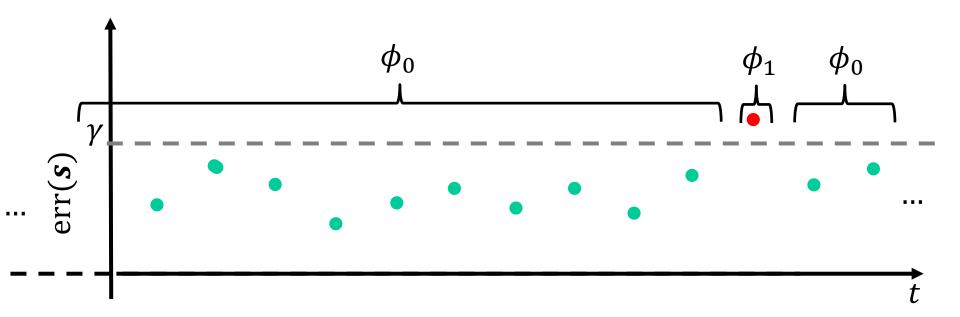
2. Consider s anomalous when $err(s) > \gamma$



MONITORING THE RECONSTRUCTION ERROR

Normal data are expected to yield values of err(s) that **are low**, while anomalies do not. This holds when the model \mathcal{M} was specifically learned to describe normal data

Outliers can be detected by a threshold on err(s)





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SUBSPACE METHODS

The underlying assumption is that

- normal patches live in a subspace that can be identified by TR
- anomalies can be detected by projecting test patches in such subspace and by monitoring the reconstruction error (distance with the projection)

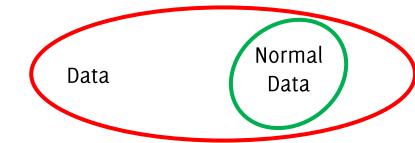




SUBSPACE METHODS

A few example of models used for describing normal patches:

- Fourier transform: normal patches can be expressed by a few specific frequencies
- PCA: normal patches live in the linear subspace of the first components.
- Robust PCA: defined on the ℓ^1 distance to be insensitive to outliers in normal data
- Kernel PCA: normal patches live in a non-linear manifold
- Random projections





SUBSPACE METHODS: STATISTICS

Examples of statistics for PCA monitoring (and similar techniques):

- The projection on the subspace,
 - $s'=P^Ts$, $P\in\mathbb{R}^{m\times d}$, $m\ll d$ which is the projection over the first m principal components and a way to reduce data-dimensionality. Statistical techniques can be applied to **monitor projections** P^Ts
- The **least-principal component**, which resembles an anomaly score: low in normal patches, increases for anomalies.
- The reconstruction error:

$$\operatorname{err}(\mathbf{s}) = \|\mathbf{s} - PP^T\mathbf{s}\|_2$$

which is the distance between s and its projection PP^Ts over the subspace of normal patches

Data $S \stackrel{\bullet \dots \bullet}{\sim} S'$ Normal $S \stackrel{\bullet \dots \bullet}{\sim} S'$



SUBSPACE METHODS: SPARSE REPRESENTATIONS

Basic assumption: normal data live in a union of low-dimensional subspaces of the input space

The model learned from S is a matrix: the **dictionary** D.

Each signal is decomposed as **a sum of a few dictionary atoms** (representation is constrained to be **sparse**).

Atoms represent the many **building blocks** that can be used to reconstruct normal signals.

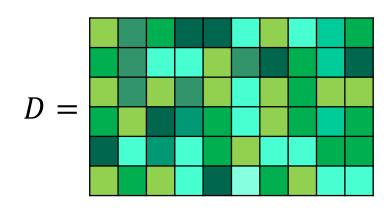
There are typically more atoms than the signal dimension.

Effective as long as the learned **dictionary** *D* is **very specific for normal data**



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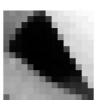
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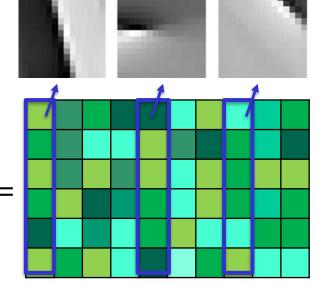
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Each column is an atom:

- lives in the input space
- it is one of the learned building blocks to reconstruct the input signal



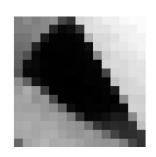
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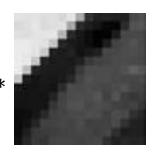
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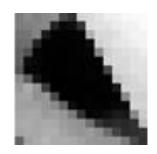
$$s = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \alpha_i \; d_i$$

a linear combination of **few dictionary atoms** $\{d_i\}$, i.e., most of coefficients are such that $\alpha_i = 0$

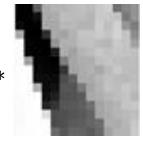
An illustrative example in case of our patches







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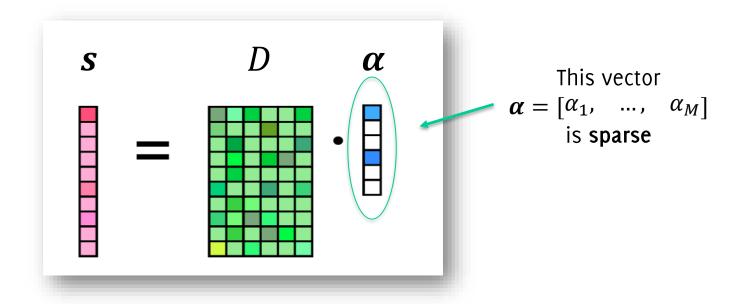


SPARSE REPRESENTATIONS... MATRIX EXPRESSION

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$$s = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \alpha_i \, d_i = D\alpha$$

a linear combination of **few dictionary atoms** $\{d_i\}$ and $\|\alpha\|_0 < L$, i.e. only a few coefficients are nonzero, i.e. α is sparse.

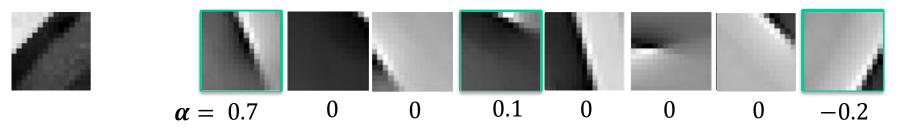


Sprase Coding: computing the sparse representation for an input signal \boldsymbol{s} w.r.t. \boldsymbol{D}

$$s \in \mathbb{R}^d$$
 $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^n$

It is solved as the following optimization problem, (e.g. via the Orthogonal Matching Pursuit, OMP)

$$\alpha = \underset{\boldsymbol{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|D\boldsymbol{a} - s\|_2 \text{ s.t. } \|\boldsymbol{a}\|_0 < L$$



In the previous illustration $\alpha = [0.7, 0, 0, 0.1, 0, 0, 0, -0.2]$



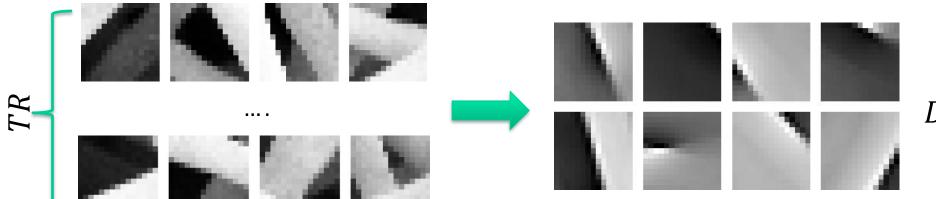
.. AND DICTIONARY LEARNING

Dictionary Learning: estimate D from a training set of M

$$S = \{s_1, \dots s_M\} \qquad D \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$$

It is solved as the following optimization problem typically through **block-coordinates descent** (e.g. KSVD algorithm)

$$[D,X] = \underset{A \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times M}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|AY - S\|_{2} \text{ s.t. } \|y_{i}\|_{0} < L, \quad \forall y_{i}$$



Aharon, M.; Elad, M. Bruckstein, A. K-SVD: An Algorithm for Designing Overcomplete Dictionaries for Sparse Representation IEEE TSP, 2006



SPARSE REPRESENTATION MONITORING: STATISTICS

Anomalies can be directly detected during the sparse coding stage, by changing the functional being optimized.

A set of test signals is modeled as:

$$S = DX + E + V$$

where X is sparse, V is a noise term, and E is a matrix having most columns set to zero. Columns $e_i \neq 0$ indicate anomalies, as they do not admit a sparse representation w.r.t. D



SPARSE REPRESENTATION MONITORING: STATISTICS

Anomalies can be detected by solving (through ADMM) the following sparse coding problem

$$\underset{X,E}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \|S - DX - E\|_F^2 + \lambda \|X\|_1 + \mu \|E\|_{2,1} \right)$$
 Data-fidelity for normal data Sparsity Group sparsity regularization, only a few

columns can be nonzero

.. and identifying as anomalies the signals corresponding to columns of E that are nonzero.



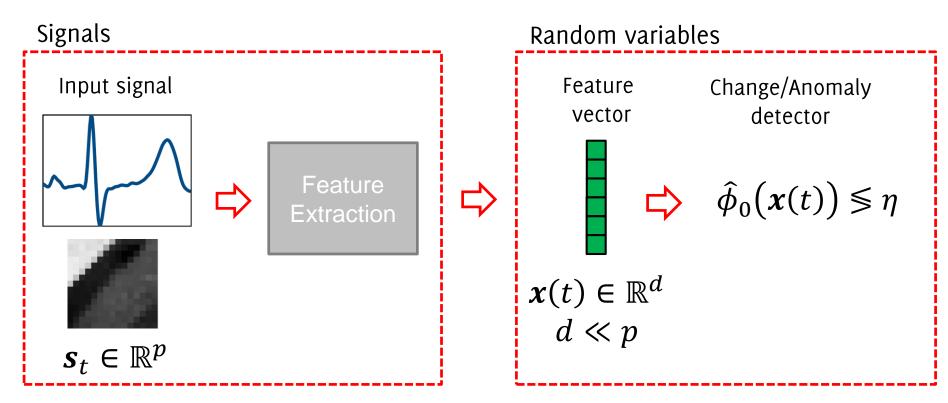
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MONITORING FEATURES

Feature extraction: meaningful indicators to be monitored which have a known / controlled response w.r.t. normal data



Feature Extraction: signal processing, a priori information, learning methods

The customary framework for change / anomaly detection

The peculiar structures of normal images and signals suggest that **normal data live in a manifold** having **lower dimension** than the input domain

Data dimensionality can be reduced by extracting features

Good features should:

- Yield a stable response w.r.t. normal data
- Yield unusual response on anomalies / when data change

Reconstruction error and representation coefficients can be considered features.

Features can be monitored in either one-shot/sequential monitoring schemes.



FEATURE EXTRACTION APPROACHES

There are two major approaches for extracting features:

Expert-driven (hand-crafted) features: computational expressions that are **manually designed by experts** to distinguish between normal and anomalous data

Data-driven features: features characterizing normal data are automatically **learned from training data** TR

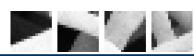


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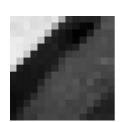
Expert-driven features: each patch of an image s

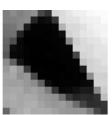
$$\mathbf{s}_c = \{ s(c+u), u \in \mathcal{U} \}$$

Example of features are:

- the average,
- the variance,
- the total variation (the energy of gradients)

These can hopefully **distinguish normal** and **anomalous** patches (since image in anomalous region is expected to be flat or without edges characterizing normal regions)





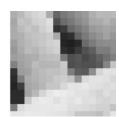












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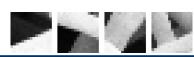


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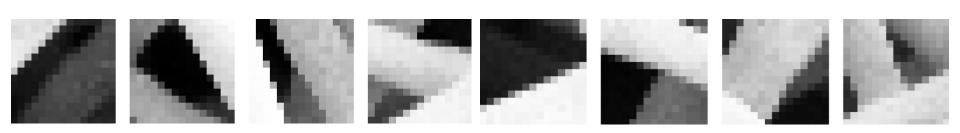


Analyze each patch of an image s

$$\mathbf{s}_c = \{s(c+u), u \in \mathcal{U}\}$$

and determine whether it is normal or anomalous.

Data driven features: expressions to **quantitatively assess whether test patches conform** or not **with the model**, learned from normal data.

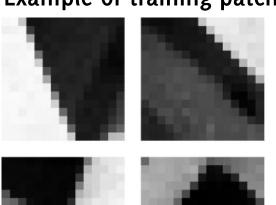


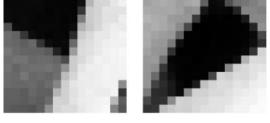
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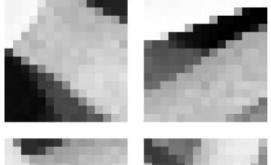


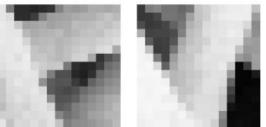
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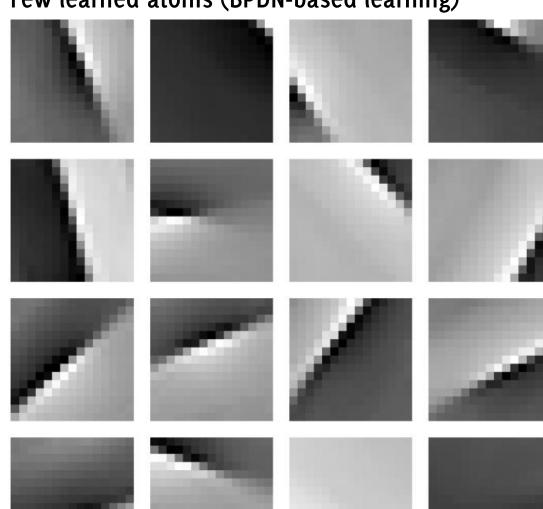








Example of training patches Few learned atoms (BPDN-based learning)





DATA-DRIVEN FEATURES



To assess the conformance of s_c with D we solve the following Sparse coding:

$$\alpha = \underset{\widetilde{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}^n}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|D\widetilde{\alpha} - \mathbf{s}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\widetilde{\alpha}\|_1, \qquad \lambda > 0$$

which is the BPDN formulation and we solve using ADMM.

The penalized ℓ^1 formulation has more degrees of freedom in the reconstruction, the conformance of s with D have to be assessed monitoring both terms of the functional



DATA-DRIVEN FEATURES



Features then include both the reconstruction error

$$\operatorname{err}(\boldsymbol{s}) = \|D\boldsymbol{\alpha} - \mathbf{s}\|_2^2$$

and the sparsity of the representation

$$\|\alpha\|_1$$

Thus obtaining a data-driven feature vector
$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \|D\boldsymbol{\alpha} - \mathbf{s}\|_2^2 \\ \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_1 \end{bmatrix}$$



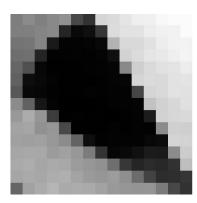
DENSITY-BASED MONITORING ON DATA-DRIVEN FEATURES

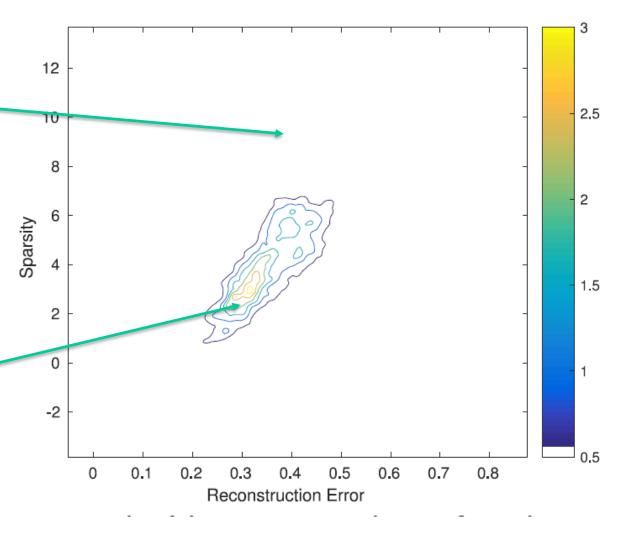


Anomalies



Normal patches:







DATA-DRIVEN FEATURES



Training:

- Learn from $TR \setminus V$ the dictionary D
- Learn from V, the distribution $\hat{\phi}_0$ of normal features vectors x.

Testing:

- Compute feature vectors x via sparse coding
- Detect anomalies when $\widehat{\phi}_0(x) < \eta$







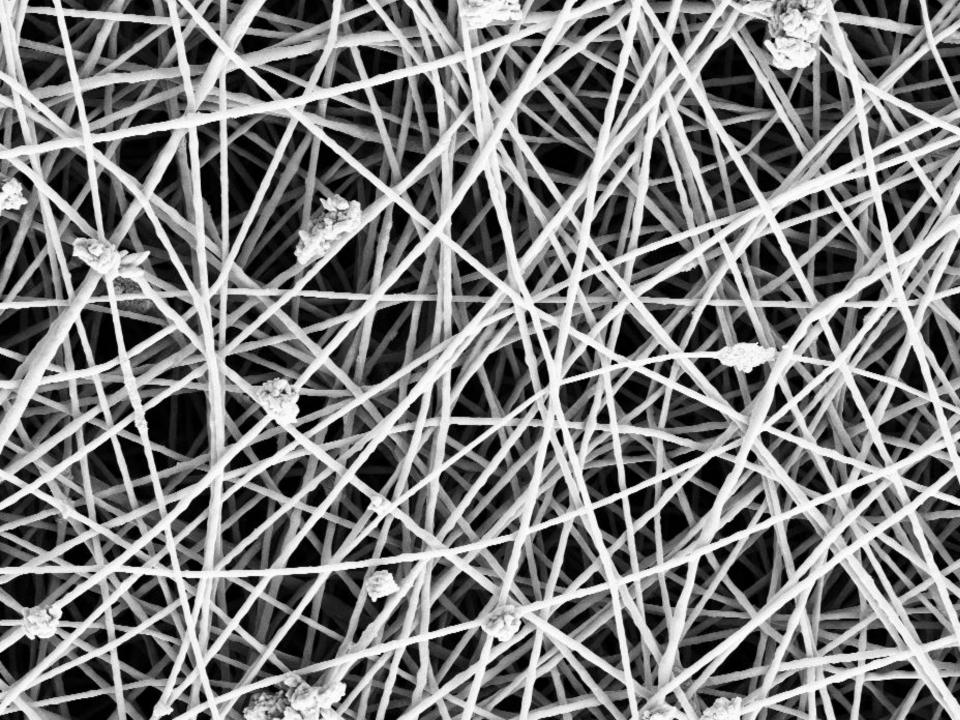
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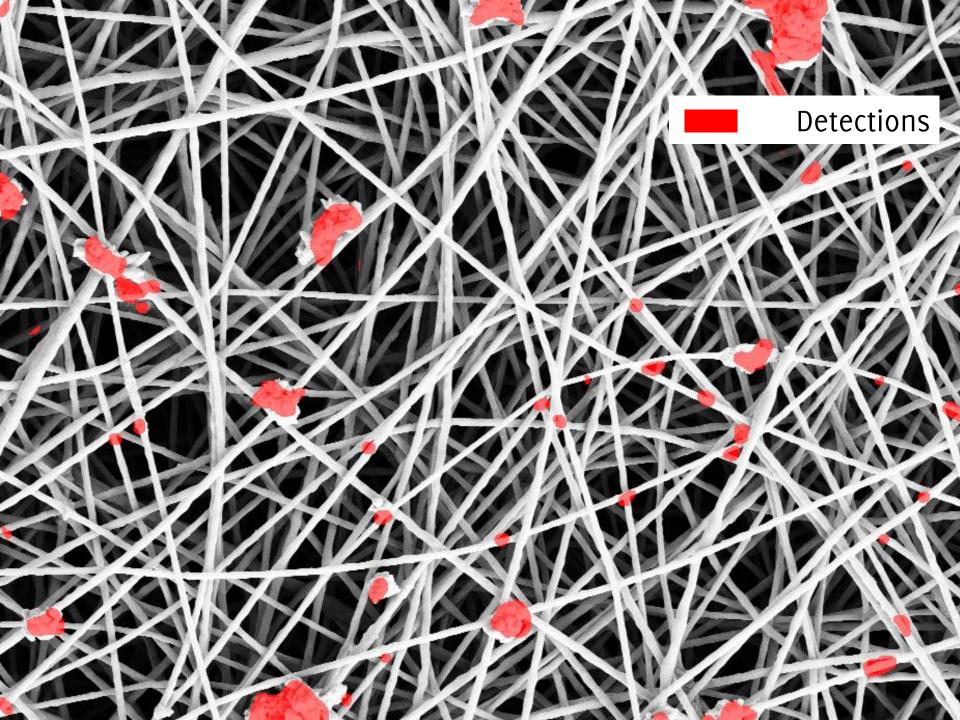
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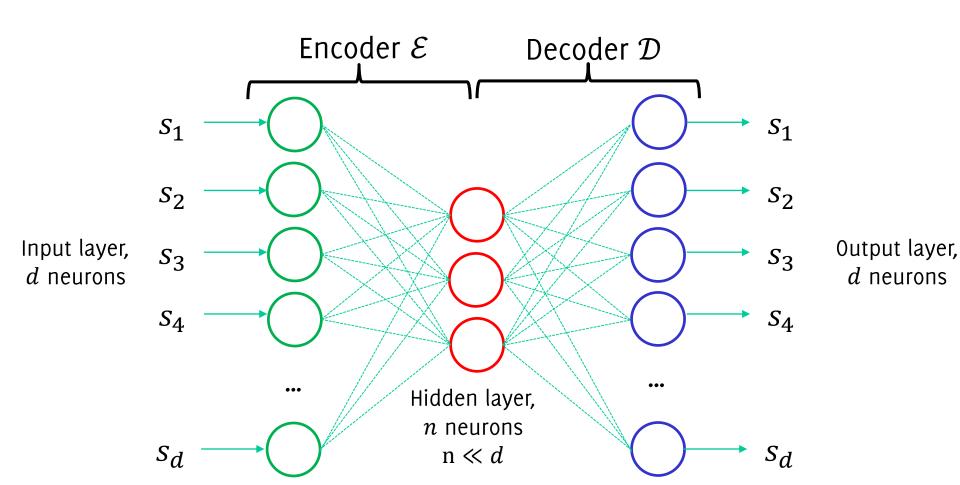
This solution is rather flexible and can be adapted when operating conditions changes (e.g. different zooming level)





FEATURE-BASED METHODS

Autoencoders can be also used in feature-based monitoring schemes, where the hidden representation of the input is the feature being monitored



MONITORING FEATURE DISTRIBUTION

Detection by **feature monitoring** (AE notation)

Training (Monitoring Feature Distribution):

- Learn the autoencoder $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{E}(\cdot))$ from the training set S
- Fit a density model $\widehat{\phi}_0$ to the encoded features $\{\mathcal{E}(\boldsymbol{s}), \boldsymbol{s} \in V\}$ over a validation set $V \neq S$
- Define a suitable threshold γ for $\hat{\phi}_0(m{s})$

Testing (Monitoring Feature Distribution):

- Encode each incoming signal $oldsymbol{s}$ through $oldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}$
- Detect anomalies if $\hat{\phi}_0(\mathcal{E}(s)) < \gamma$



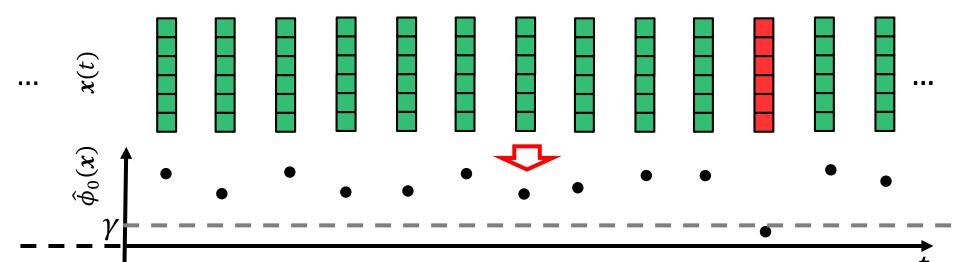
MONITORING FEATURE DISTRIBUTION

Normal data are expected to yield $\mathcal{E}(s)$ that are i.i.d. vectors (or features) and that follow an unknown distribution ϕ_0 .

Anomalous data do not, as they follow $\phi_1 \neq \phi_0$.

We are back to our statistical framework and we can

- learn $\hat{\phi}_0$ from a set features extracted from normal data
- detect anomalous data by computing $x = \mathcal{E}(s)$ and then check whether $\hat{\phi}_0(x) < \gamma$





Reference-based approaches

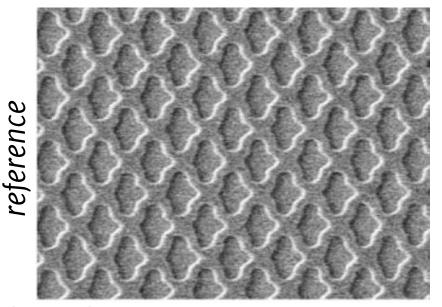


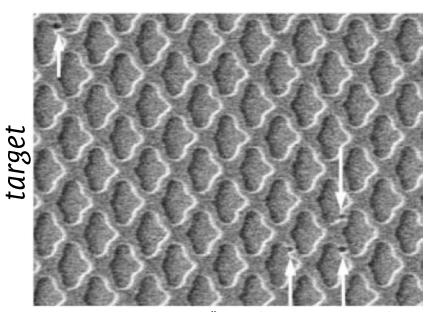
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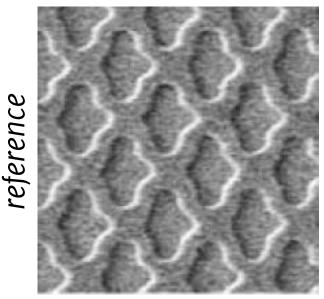


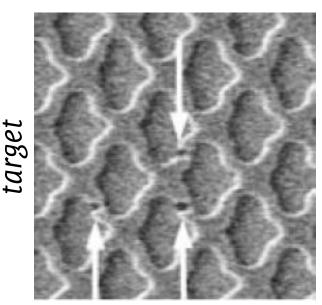
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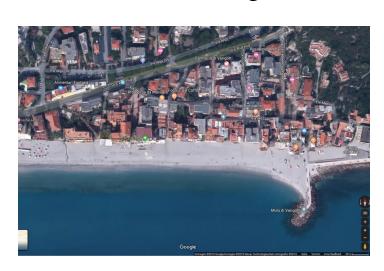
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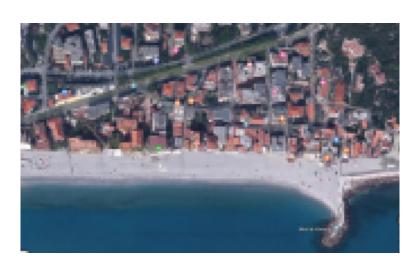


REFERENCE BASED-METHODS

Non trivial when direct comparison is prevented:

- Reference and target might not be aligned nor easy to register with a global transformation
- Reference and target might be **from different modalities** or resolution (e.g. a SAR image and an optical image)





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 - Detection by image classification
- Semi-supervised approaches
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Supervised Approaches

Detection by Image Classification



IMAGE CLASSIFICATION

The problem: assigning to an *input image* s one *label l* from a fixed set of L categories Λ





"wheel"



$$s \square$$

"castle"

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"wheel" 65%, "tyre" 30%...





"castle" 55%, "tower" 43%...

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DEEP LEARNING AND IMAGE CLASSIFICATION

Since 2010 ImageNet organizes **ILSVRC** (ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge)

Classification error rate (top 5 accuracy):

• In 2011: 25%

Deep learning

- In 2012: 16% (achieved by a CNN)
- In 2017: < 5% (for 29 of 38 competing teams, deep learning)





DEEP LEARNING AND IMAGE CLASSIFICATION

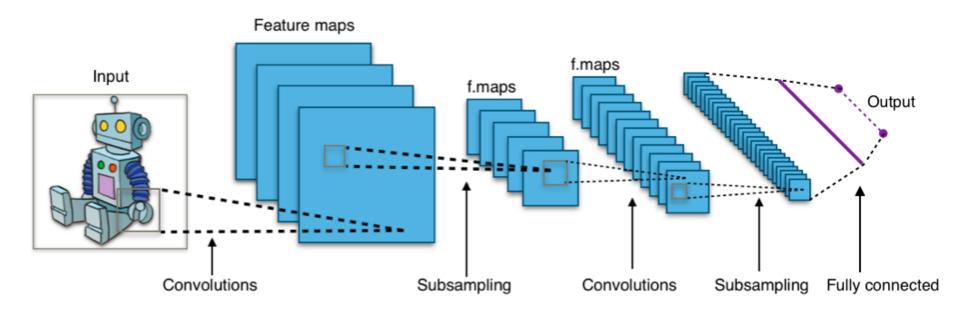
Deep Learning boasted image classification performance, thanks to

- Advances in parallel hardware (e.g. GPU)
- Availability of large annotated dataset (e.g. the ImageNet project is a large database visual recognition over 14M hand-annotated images in more than 20K categories)



CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS (CNN)

The typical architecture of a convolutional neural network



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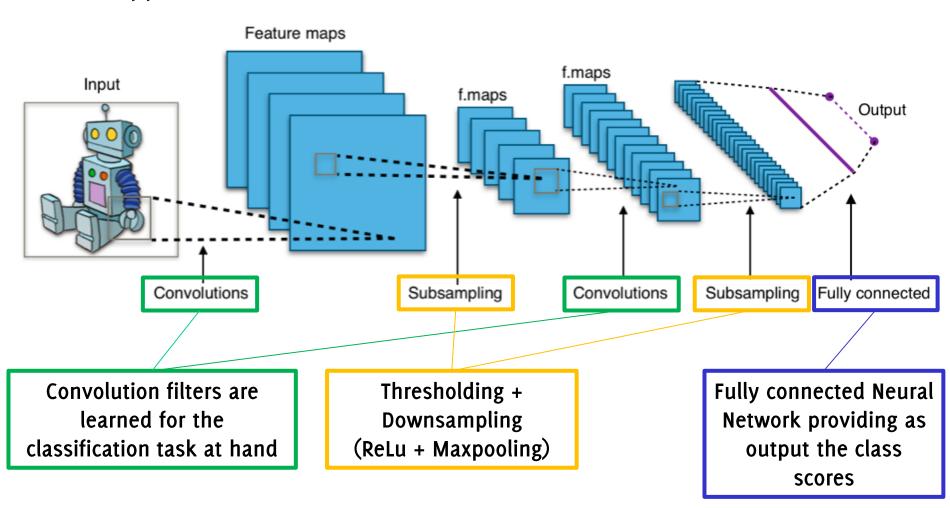
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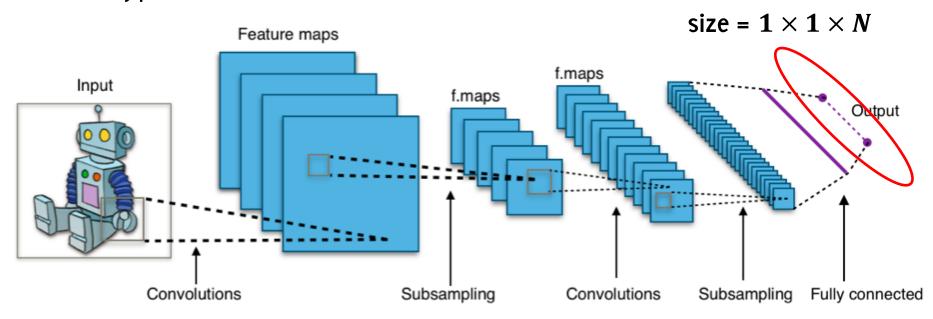
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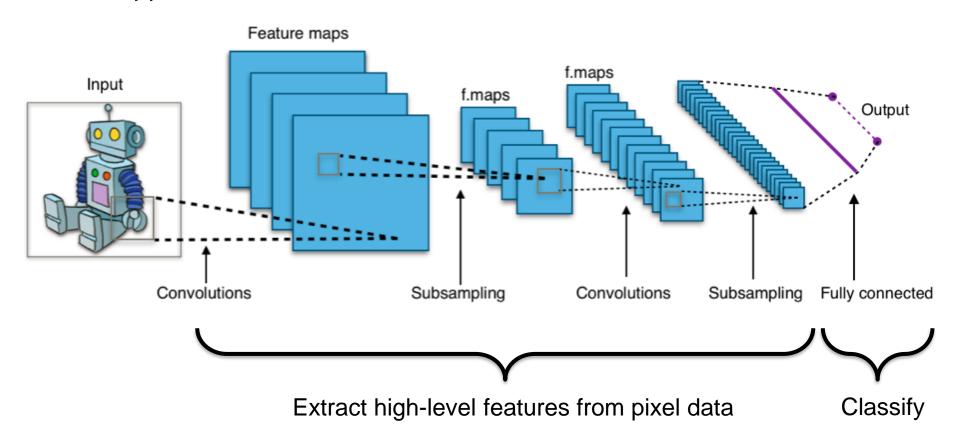


The output of the fully connected layer has the same size as the number of classes, and each component provide a score for the input image to belong to a specific class

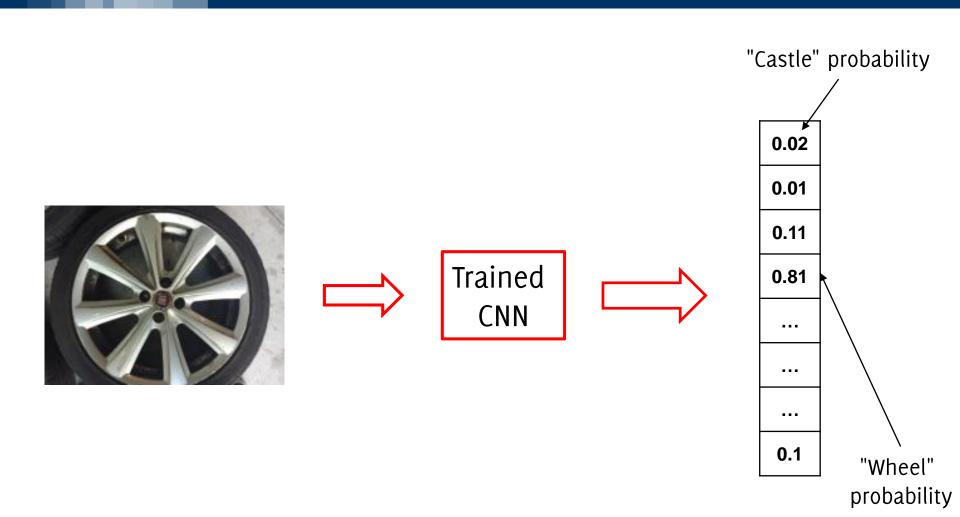


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THE OUTPUT OF A CNN





OBJECT DETECTION TASK

Given a fixed set of categories and an input image which contains an unknown and varying number of instances

Draw a bounding box on each object instance

A training set of annotated images with labels and bounding boxes for each object is required

MAN: (x,y,h,w)

KID: (x,y,h,w)

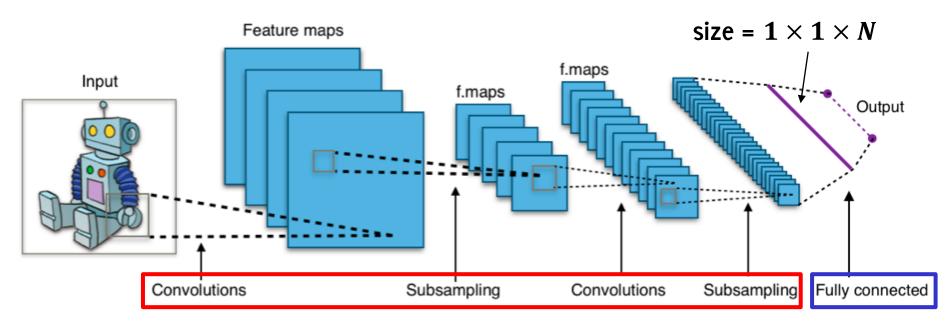
GLOVE: (x,y,h,w)





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CNNs are meant to process fixed-size input (e.g. 224 x 224 x 3).

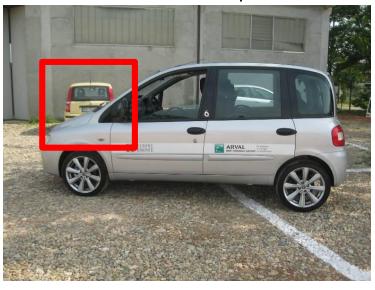
The **convolutional and subsampling layers** operate in a sliding manner over image having arbitrary size

The fully connected layer constrains the input to a fixed size.



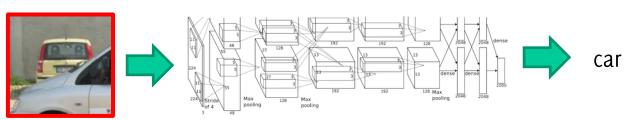
THE STRAIGHTFORWARD SOLUTION: SLIDING WINDOW

1000 x 2000 pixels



- Slide on the image a window of that size and classify each region.
- Assign the predicted label to the central pixel

Adopt the whole machinery seen so far to each crop of the image





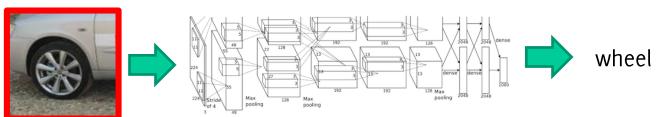
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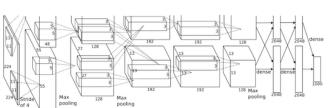
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The background class has to be included!









background



Cons:

- Very inefficient! Does not re-use features that are «shared» among overlapping crops
- How to choose the crop size?
- Difficult to detect objects at different scales!
- A huge number of crops of different sizes should be considered....

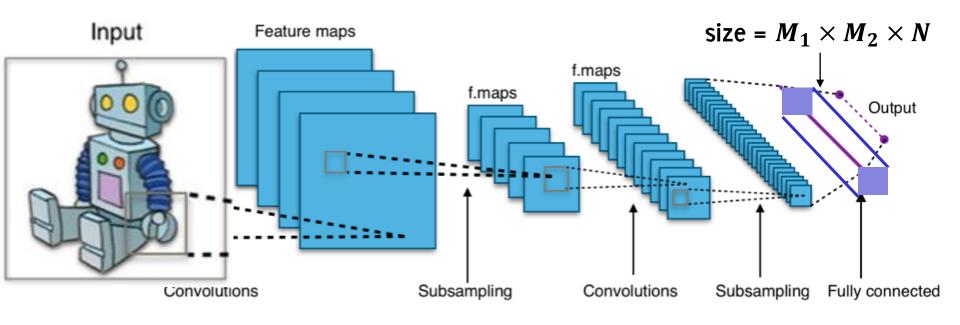
Plus:

The CNN is trained for the simpler image classification task



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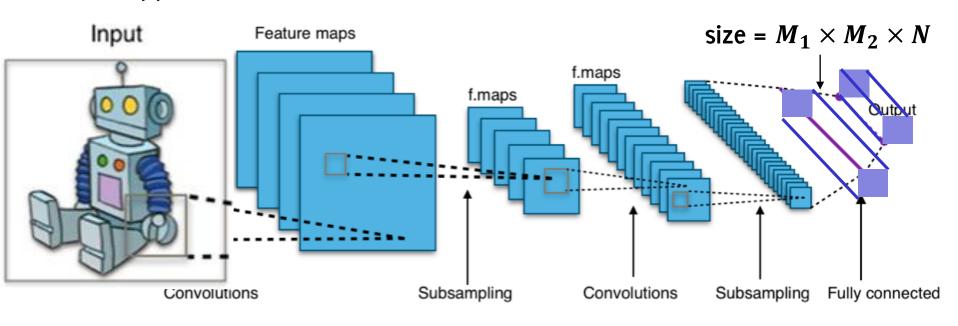
Applying the first CNN layers to larger images yield larger volumes through all the network until the input of the FC layer.

The FC network can not be used to compute class scores.



FULLY CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS (F-CNN)

The typical architecture of a convolutional neural network



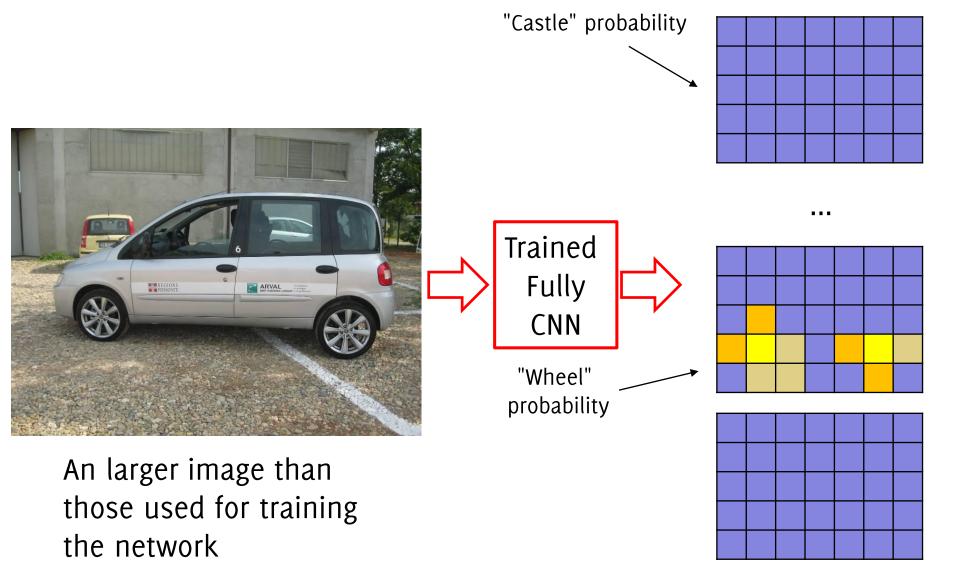
Since the **FC** is linear, it can be **represented as convolution** against L filters of size $1 \times 1 \times N$ (each one contains the FC weights)

Convolutional filters can be applied to volumes of any size, yielding images as outputs. The CNN becomes fully convolutional

Long, J., Shelhamer, E., Darrell, T. "Fully convolutional networks for semantic segmentation". CVPR 2015



OUTPUT OF A F-CNN AS HEATMAPS





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Each pixel in the heatmap corresponds to a "receptive field" in the input image

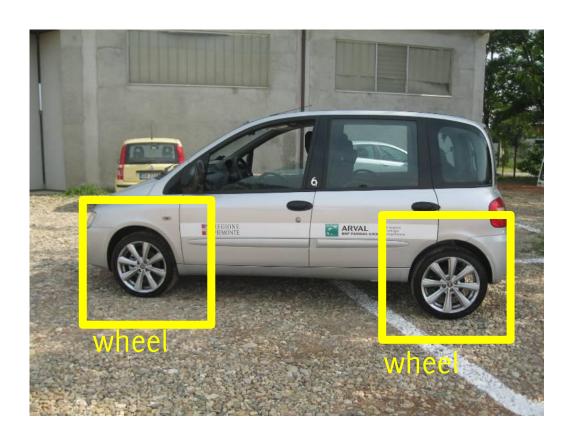


"Castle" probability "Wheel" probability



OBJECT DETECTION FROM THE HEATMAPS

Then apply some aggregation strategy on the heatmaps to perform object detection by a pre-trained CNN network.



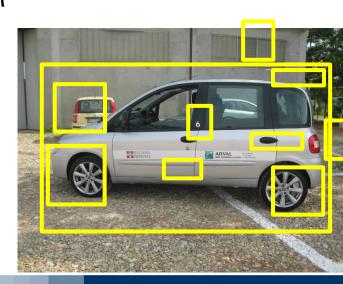


REGION PROPOSAL

Region proposal algorithms (and networks) are meant to select all the objects in an image and provide a bounding box around each of them

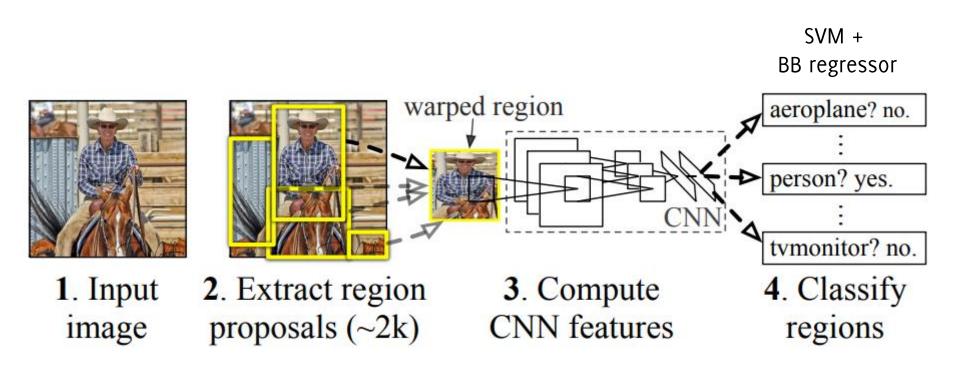
Algorithms with rather high recall (but low precision) were there before the deep learning advent

The idea is to apply first a region proposal algorithm and fed them to a classification network to the proposal regions





Object detection by means of region proposal (R stands for regions)



Girshick, Ross, et al. "Rich feature hierarchies for accurate object detection and semantic segmentation." CVPR



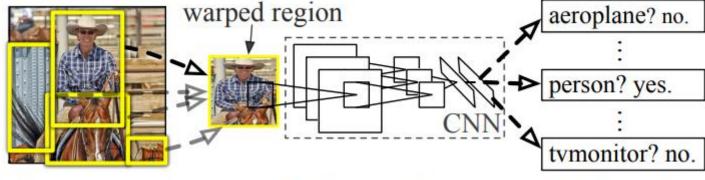
Object detection by means of region proposal

Warping is necessary when CNN has the FC layer

SVM + BB regressor



1. Input image



2. Extract region proposals (~2k)

There is no learning in the region proposal algorithm

3. Compute CNN features

4. Classify regions

It is also possible to refine the region by training a regression network.

Region of interest can exceed image

Ad-hoc training objectives and not an end-to-end training

- Fine-tune network with softmax classifier (log loss)
- Train post-hoc linear SVMs (hinge loss)
- Train post-hoc bounding-box regressions (least squares)

Region proposals are from a different algorithm and that part has **not been optimized** for the detection by CNN

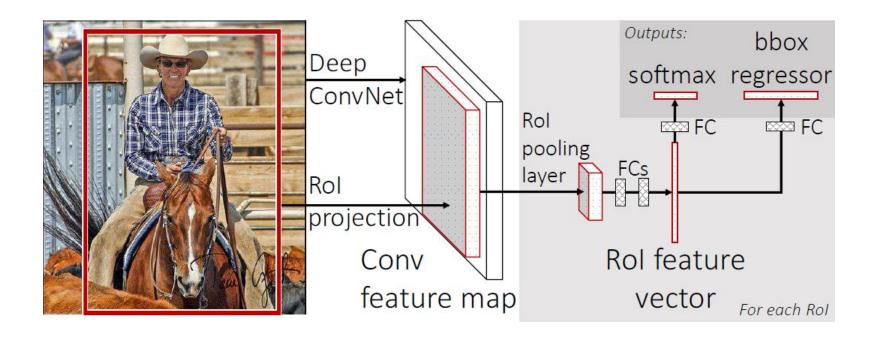
Training is slow (84h), takes a lot of disk space

Inference (detection) **is slow** since the CNN has to be executed on each region proposal (no feature re-use)

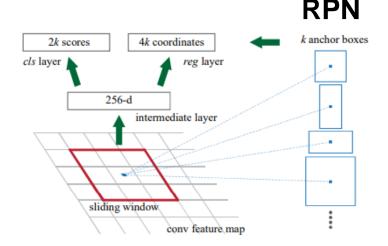
• 47s / image with VGG16



- 1. The whole image is fed to a CNN that extracts feature maps.
- 2. Region proposals are identified from the image and projected into the feature maps (re-use convolutional computation)



- •A region proposal network (RPN) is a Fully Convolutoinal NN (3x3 filter size) that replaces the ROI extraction algorithm.
- •RPN operates on feature maps of the conv. layers of the Fast R-CNN
- •Given the image, it provides a set of BB with their *objectness* score
- •The network becomes much faster (0.2s test time per image)

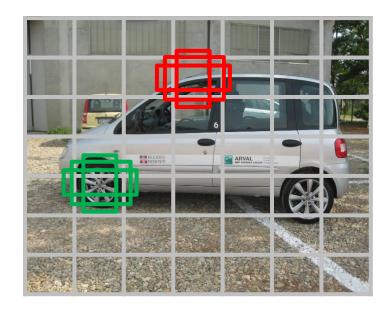


- 1. divide the image in a coars grid (e.g. 7x7)
- 2. each grid cell there are B base-bounding boxes associated
- 3. For each cell and bounding box we want to predict:
 - The bounding box offset, to better match the object: (dx, dy, dh, dw, objectness_score)
 - The class associated to the bounding box over the C

considered categories

So, the output of the network is

$$7 \times 7 \times B \times (5 + C)$$





FROM SUPERVISED TO SEMI-SUPERVISED

Training a CNN requires a lot of labeled data

In real world applications **anomalous data** are very difficult to collect

Semi-supervised approaches require only normal data and are more appealing



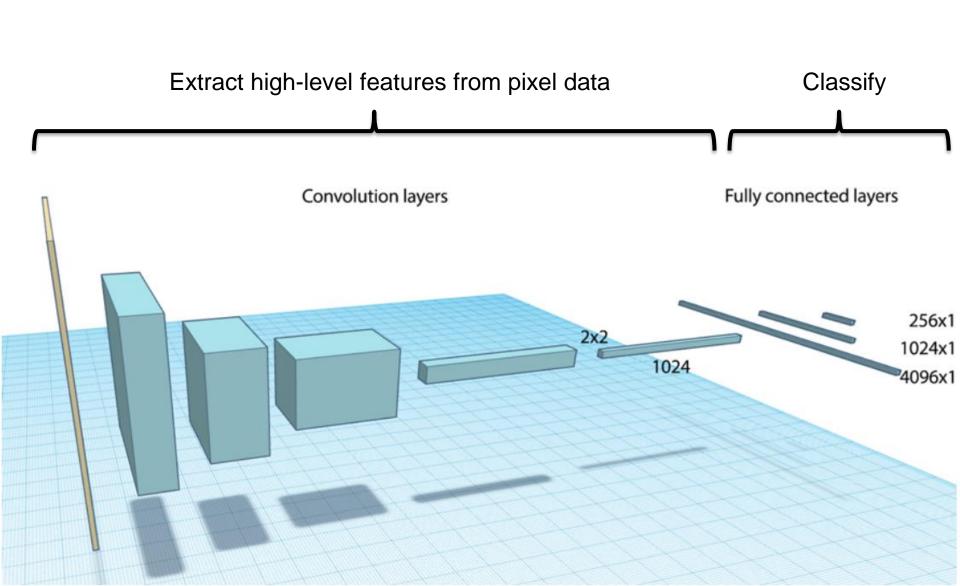


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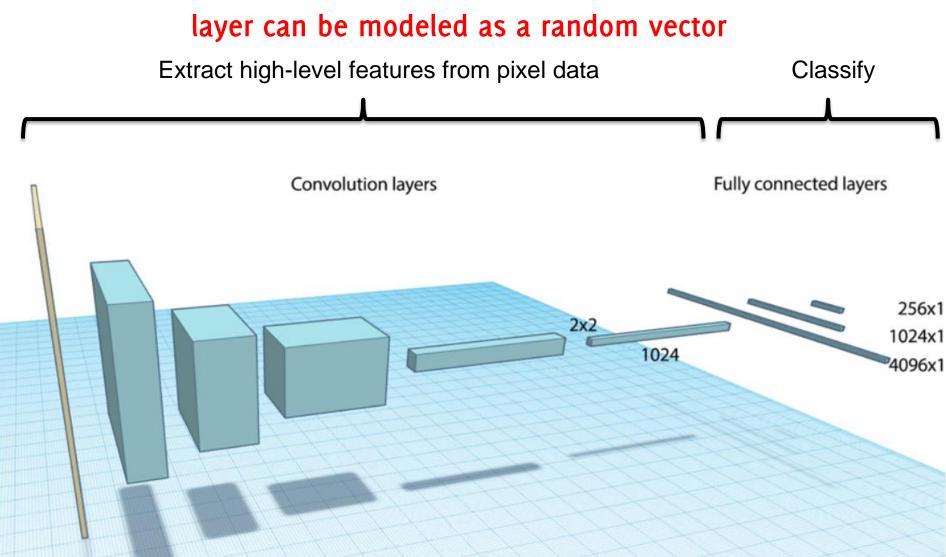
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Idea:

- Use a pretrained network CNN (e.g. AlexNet), that was trained for a different task and on a different dataset
- Throw away the last layer(s)
- Use the CNN to build a new dataset TR' from TR:

$$TR' = \{ \psi(s_i), s_i \in TR \}$$

Train your favorite anomaly detector on TR'



TRANSFER LEARNING

- Features extracted from a CNN, i.e., $\psi(s)$ is typically very large for deep networks (e.g. ResNET). Reduce data-dimensionality by PCA defined on a set of normal features
- Anomalies can be detected by measuring distance w.r.t. normal features, possibly using clustering to speed up performance.
- Thresholds can be computed by the three-sigma rule or bootstrap.

Pros: pretrained networks are very powerful models, since they usually trained on datasets with million of images

Cons: the network is **not trained on normal** data. Meaningful structures in normal images might not be successfully captured by network trained on images from a different domain (e.g. medical vs natural images)

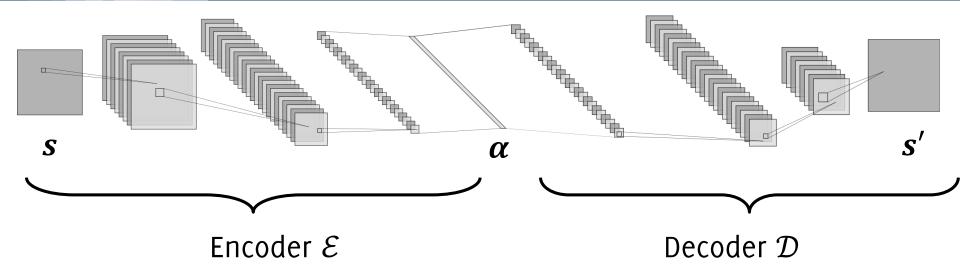


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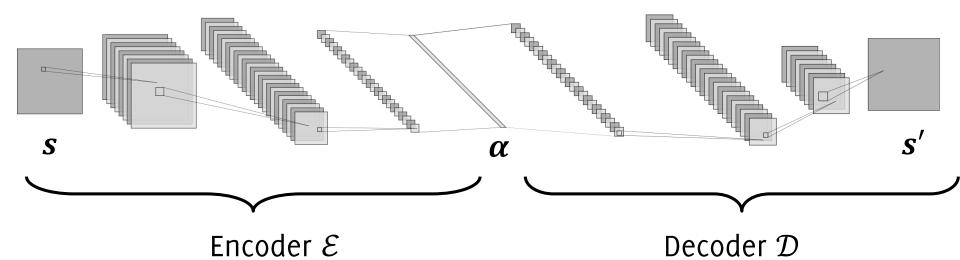


Autoencoders can be trained directly on normal data by minimizing the reconstruction loss:

$$\sum_{\mathbf{s}\in TR} \|\mathbf{s} - \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{s}))\|_{2}$$



AUTOENCODERS (REVISITED)



We can fit a density model (e.g. Gaussian Mixture) on $\alpha = \mathcal{E}(s)$:

$$\alpha \sim \sum_{i} \pi_{i} \varphi_{\mu_{i}, \Sigma_{i}}$$
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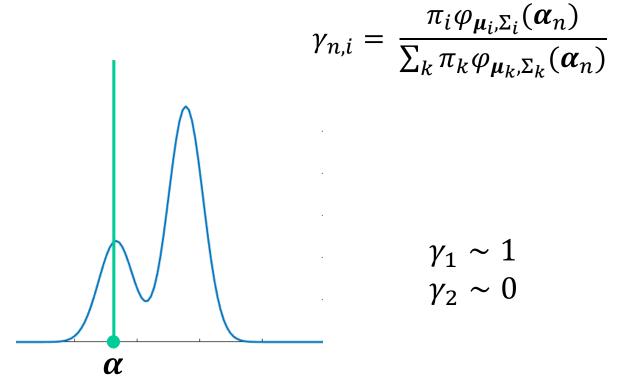
Where φ_{μ_i,Σ_i} is the pdf of $\mathcal{N}(\mu_i,\Sigma_i)$



EM-ALGORITHM FOR GAUSSIAN MIXTURES

Estimation of Gaussian Mixture parameters $\{\pi_i, \mu_i, \Sigma_i\}$ from a training set $\{\alpha_n\}_n$ is typically performed via EM-algorithm, that iterates the E and M steps

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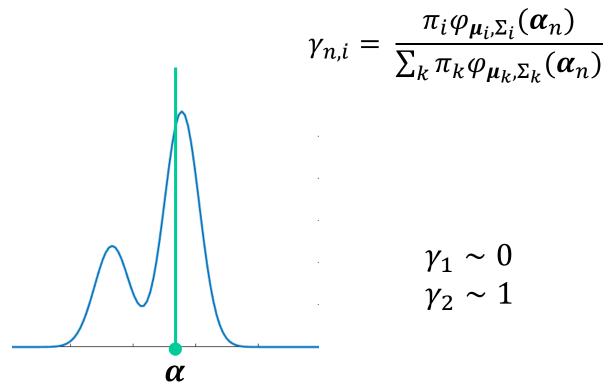
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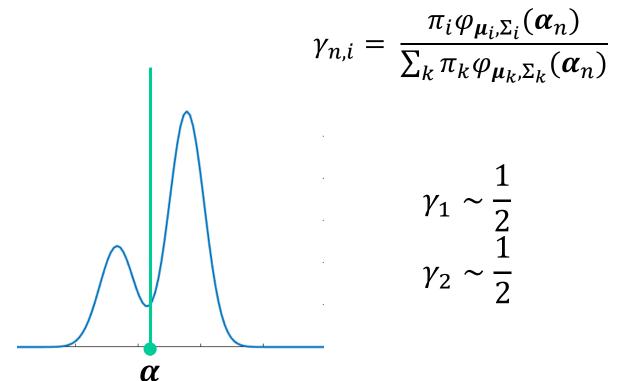
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M-step: update the parameters of the Gaussian Mixture

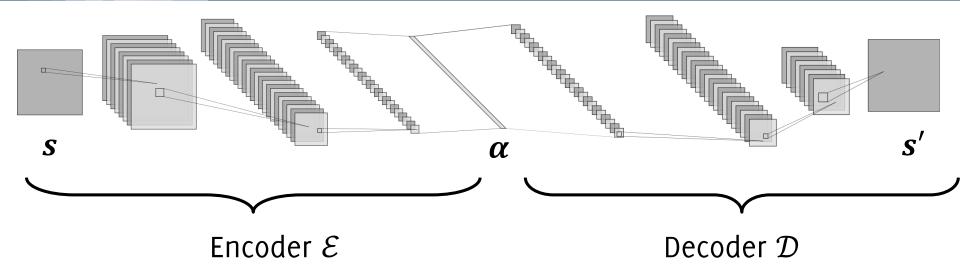
$$\pi_{i} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n} \gamma_{n,i}$$

$$\mu_{i} = \frac{\sum_{n} \gamma_{n,i} \alpha_{n}}{\sum_{n} \gamma_{n,i}}$$

$$\Sigma_{i} = \frac{\sum_{n} \gamma_{n,i} (\alpha_{n} - \mu_{i}) (\alpha_{n} - \mu_{i})^{T}}{\sum_{n} \gamma_{n,i}}$$



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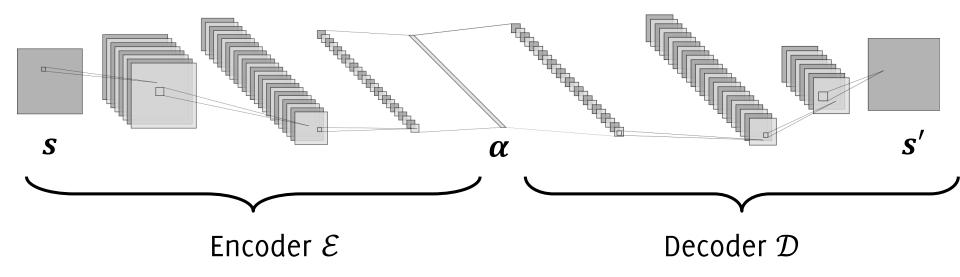


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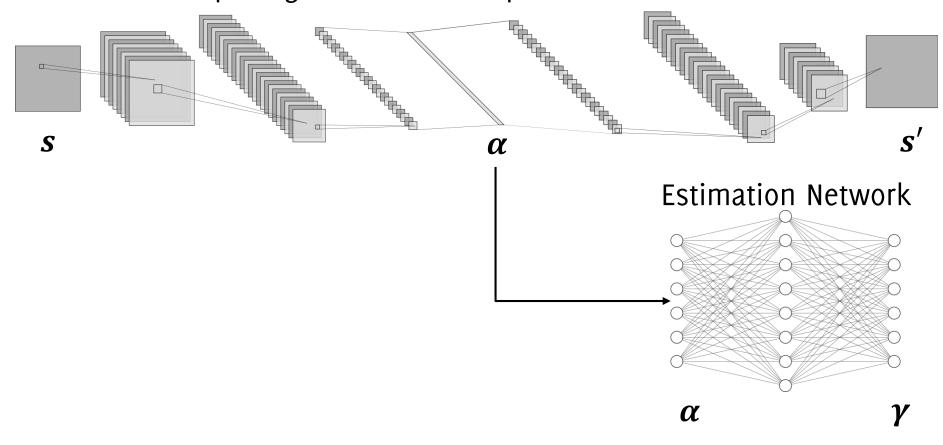
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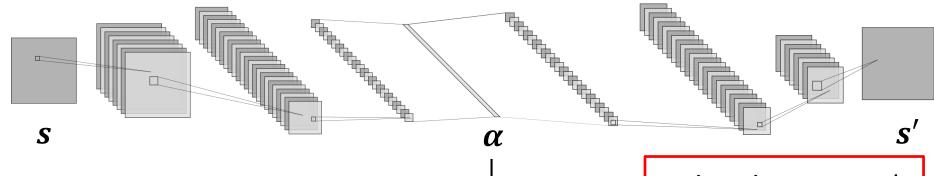
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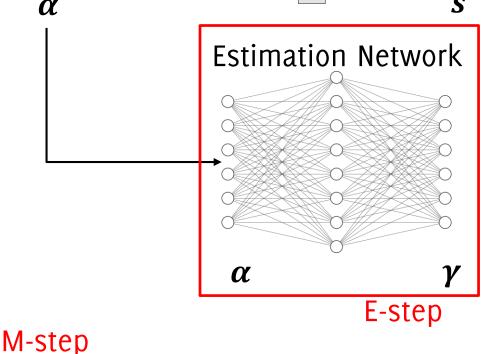


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Zong et al, "Deep Autoencoding Gaussian Mixture Model for Unsupervised Anomaly Detection", ICLR 2018



DEEP AUTOENCODING GAUSSIAN MIXTURE MODEL

Minimize the loss:

$$\min \sum_{\mathbf{s}} \left| \left| \mathbf{s} - \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{s})) \right| \right|_{2}^{2} + \lambda \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{s}))$$

Where

$$\mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = -\log \sum_{i} \pi_{i} \varphi_{\boldsymbol{\mu}_{i}, \Sigma_{i}}(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

Additional regularizations has to be imposed on Σ_i to avoid trivial solution

 $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{E}(s))$ can be used an anomaly score for a sample s



- The estimation network introduces a regularization that helps to avoid local optima of the recontruction error
- The autoencoder is then able to extract meaningful feature from normal data
- Density estimation enables anomaly detection, but it is a more complicated task

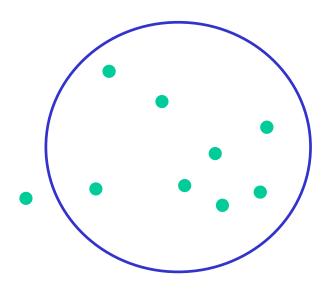


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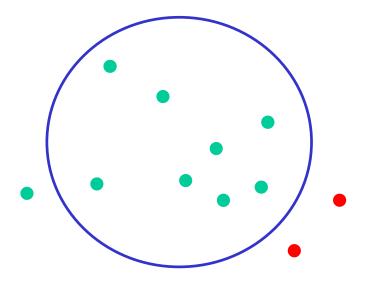


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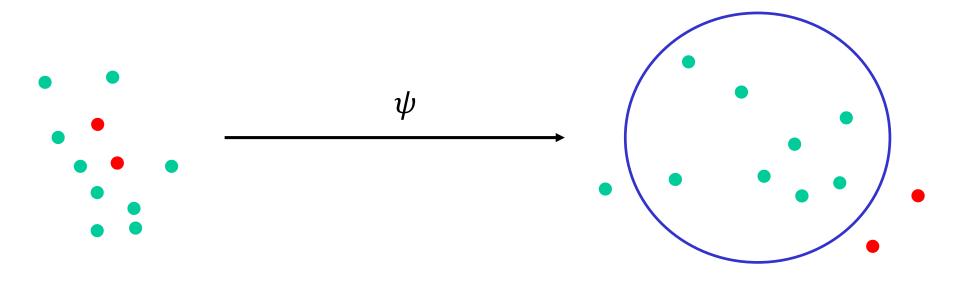
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We expect that anomalous data lie outside the sphere



Typically the sphere is computed in a **high** (possibly infinite) **dimensional** feature **space**

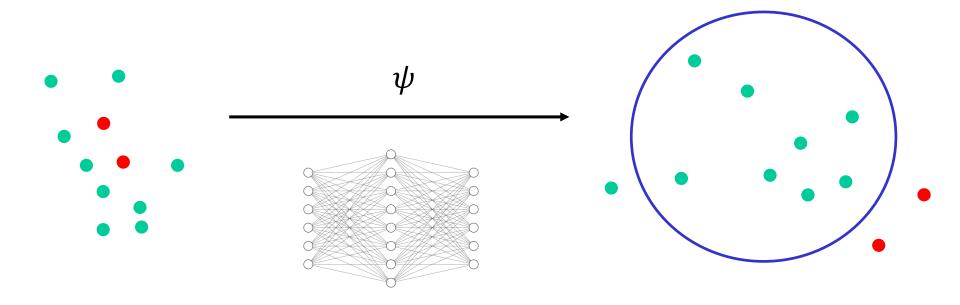


Feature are defined using kernels

- Polinomial kernel
- Gaussian kernel



Idea: can we learn the feature from normal data using a neural network?



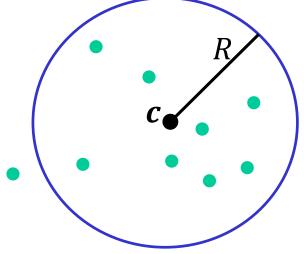


SOFT-BOUNDARY DEEP SVDD

Minimize the loss:

$$\min_{R,\theta} R^2 + \frac{1}{\nu N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \max\{0, ||\psi_{\theta}(s_n) - c||^2 - R^2\} + \lambda ||\theta||^2$$

- The samples s_n such that $\psi_{\theta}(s_n)$ is inside the sphere do not contribute to the loss
- ν provides a bound on the False Positive Rate
- $\lambda ||\boldsymbol{\theta}||^2$ is a regularization term



A test sample s is anomalous if $\psi_{\theta}(s) - c > R$

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Remarks:

- Some contraints must be imposed on the network ψ_{θ} to avoid trivial solutions:
 - No bias terms
 - Unbounded activations
- $oldsymbol{c}$ is not optimized but has to be precomputed from data
 - \boldsymbol{c} must be different from $\boldsymbol{c}_0 = \psi_0(\boldsymbol{s})$



A SIMPLER FORMULATION: DEEP SVDD

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left| |\psi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{s}_n) - \boldsymbol{c}| \right|^2 + \lambda \left| |\boldsymbol{\theta}| \right|^2$$

Cons:

- No bound on the FPR provided by ν
- A threshold has to be chosen for the anomaly score:

$$||\psi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(s)-c||^2$$



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We can **build** a **labeled dataset** for multiclass **classification** from normal data

- Consider a set of T transformation $\mathcal{T} = \{\tau_1, ..., \tau_T\}$
- Apply each transformation τ_i to every $\mathbf{s} \in TR$:

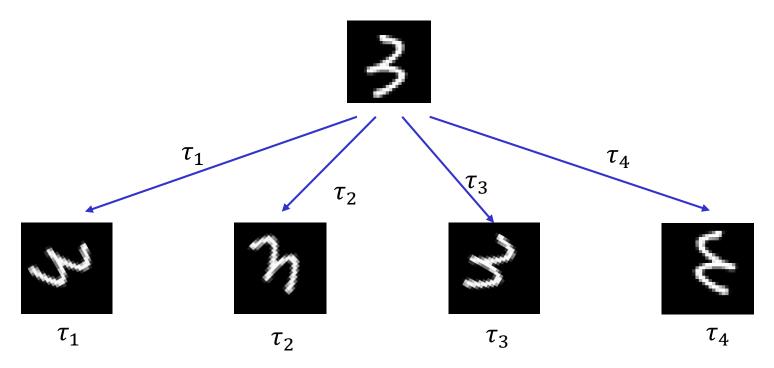
$$TR_{new} = \{(\tau_i(s), i) \mid s \in TR, i = 1, ..., T\}$$

- Train a CNN on TR_{new}
- The output of the last layer of the CNN is used as feature vector



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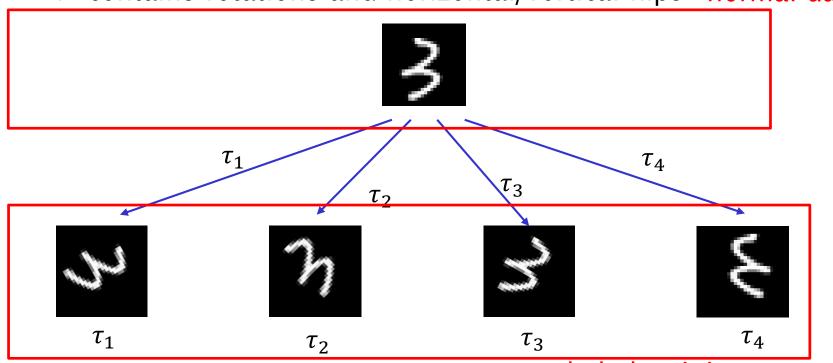
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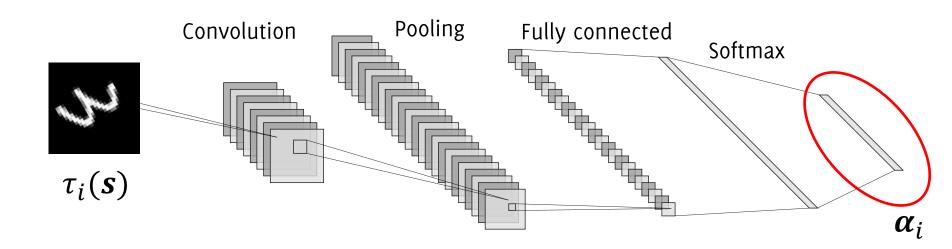


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Labeled training set with *T* classes



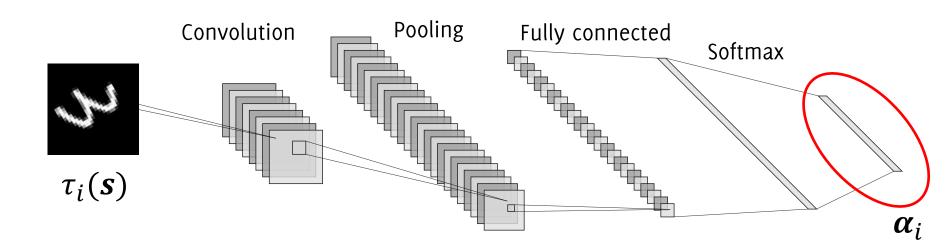
Use the output of the last layer as feature vector:

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}_i = \psi(\boldsymbol{\tau}_i(\boldsymbol{s})) \in [0,1]^T$$

Estimate the conditional distributions $P(\alpha_i|\tau_i)$ for each τ_i

Parametric distributions such as Dirichlet distribution can be used





Compute the anomaly score as

$$score(\mathbf{s}) = -\sum_{i} \log P(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{i}|\tau_{i})$$



The set of transformation has to be properly chosen:

- if during training the trained classifier cannot discriminate the transformed samples, it does not extract meaningful feature for anomaly detection
- Non-geometric transformations (Gaussian blur, gamma correction, sharpening) might eliminate important feature and are less performing than geometric ones



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GENERATIVE MODELS

Goal:

generative models generate, given a training set of images (data) S, other images (data) that are similar to those in S



The GAN approach:

Do not look for an **explicit density model** ϕ_S describing the manifold of natural images.

Just find out a model able to generate samples that looks like training samples $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

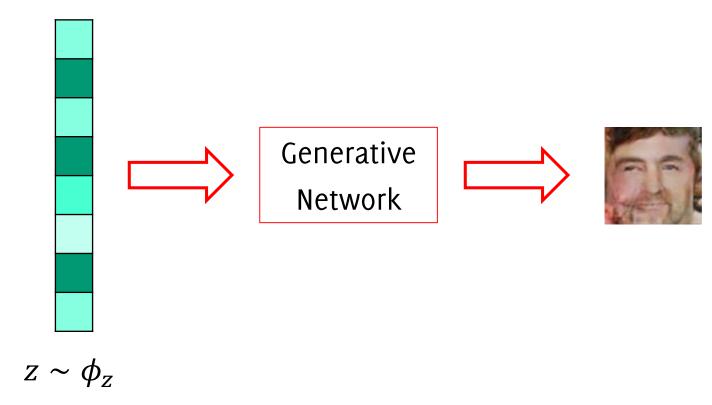
Instead of sampling from ϕ_S , just use:

- ullet Sample a seed from a known distribution ϕ_z
- Feed this seed to a learned transformation that generates realistic samples, as if they were drawn from ϕ_S

Use a neural network to learn this transformation



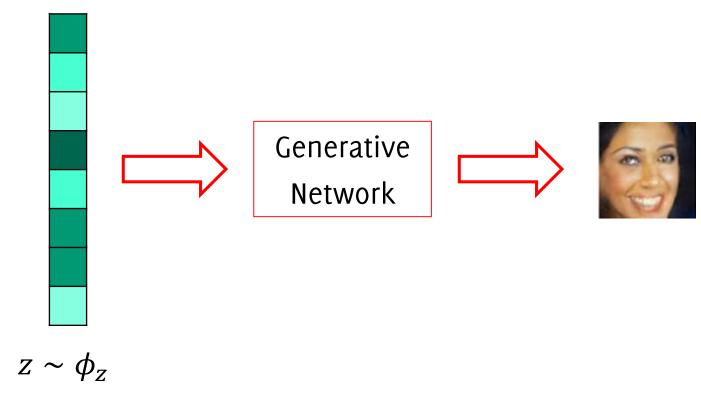
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The GAN solution: Train a pair of neural networks with different tasks that compete in a sort of **two player game**.

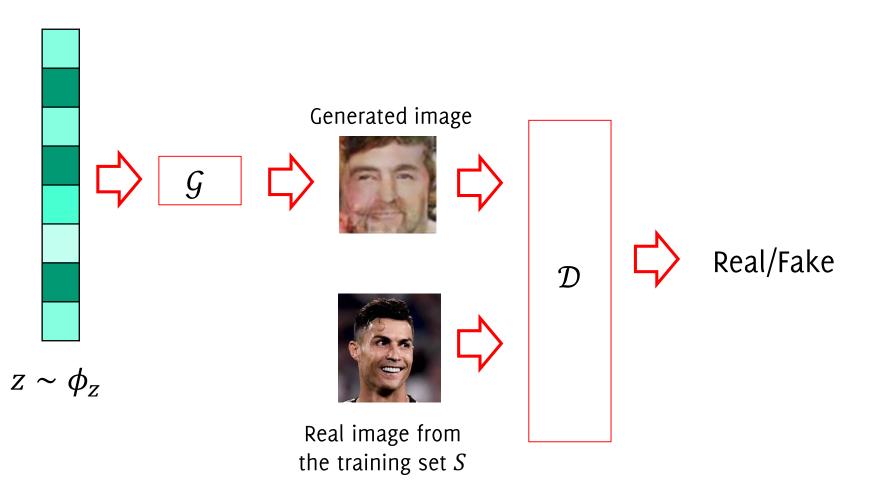
These models are:

- Generator \mathcal{G} that produces realistic samples e.g. taking as input some random noise. \mathcal{G} tries to fool the discriminator
- Discriminator $\mathcal D$ that takes as input an image and assess whether it is real or generated by $\mathcal G$

Train the two and at the end, keep only \mathcal{G}

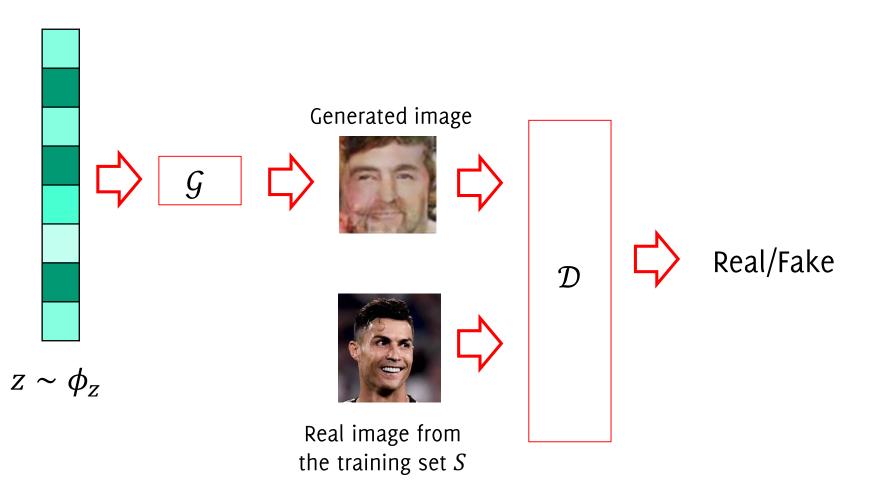


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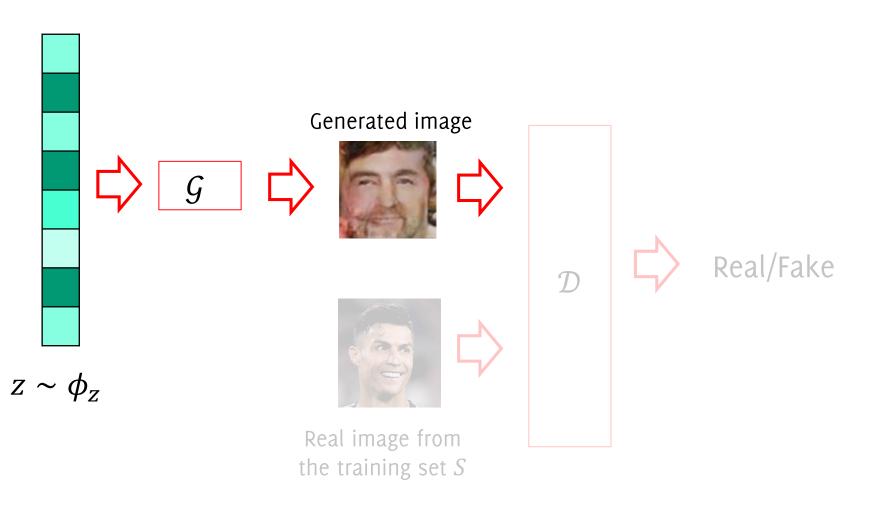




GAN ARCHITECTURE







Discriminator $\mathcal D$ is completely useless and as such dropped. After a successful GAN training, $\mathcal D$ is not able to distinguish the real/fake

Both \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{G} are conveniently chosen as Neural Networks

Setting up the stage

Our networks take as input:

- $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}(s)$
- $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{z})$

 $s \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is an input image (either real or generated by g) and $z \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is some random noise to be fed to the generator.

Our network give as output:

$$\mathcal{D}(\cdot)$$
: $\mathbb{R}^n \to [0,1]$

the posteriori for an input to be a true image (1)

$$G(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^n$$

the generated image

A good discriminator is such:

- $\mathcal{D}(s)$ is maximum when $s \in S$
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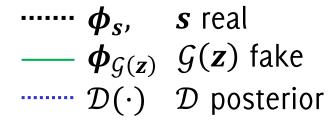
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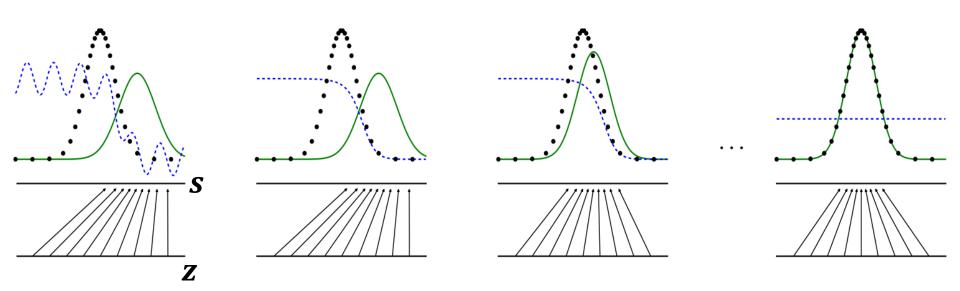
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training samples closest to the second-last column

Generated samples





INTERPOLATION IN THE LATENT SPACE

We can interpolate between two points in the latent space and obtain smooth transitions from a digit to another one





AT THE END OF THE DAY...

The discriminator \mathcal{D} is discarded

The generator G and ϕ_Z are preserved as generative model

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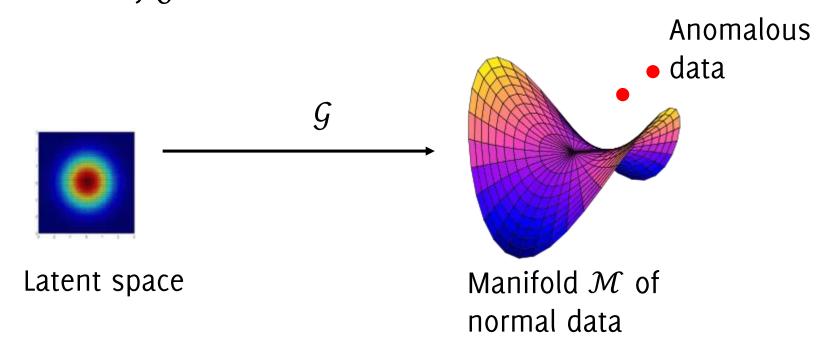
- The training is rather unstable, need to carefully synchronize the two steps (many later works in this direction, e.g. Wasserstein GAN)
- Training by standard tools: backpropagation and dropout
- Theoretical results provided
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- Generator performance is difficult to assess quantitatively
- There is no explicit expression for the generator, it is provided in an implicit form -> you cannot compute the likelihood of a sample w.r.t. the learned GAN



GAN FOR ANOMALY DETECTION

Idea: let us train a GAN on normal data. We expect that the generator \mathcal{G} cannot generate any anomalous sample \mathbf{s} .

Problem: Given a test sample s how can we determine if it could be generated by g?

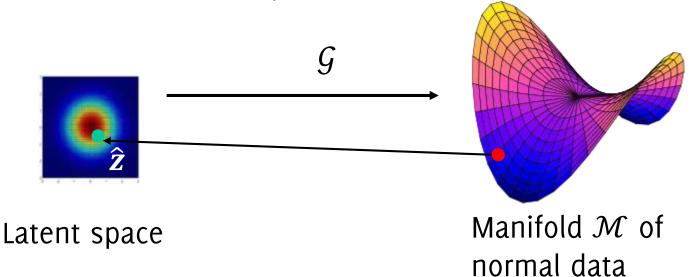


ANOGAN

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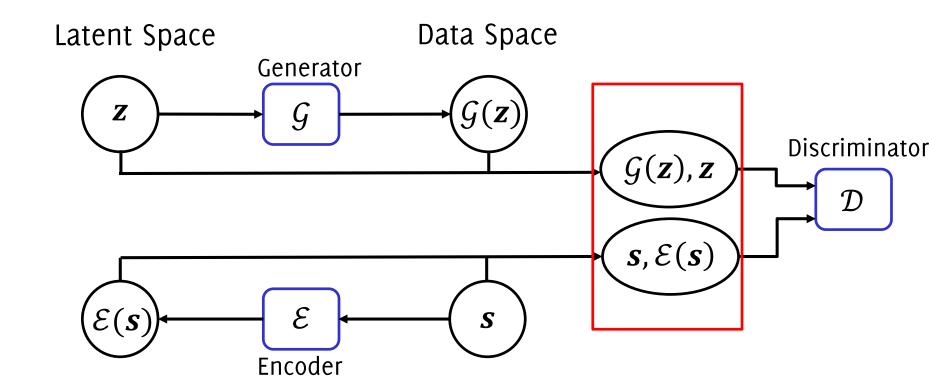
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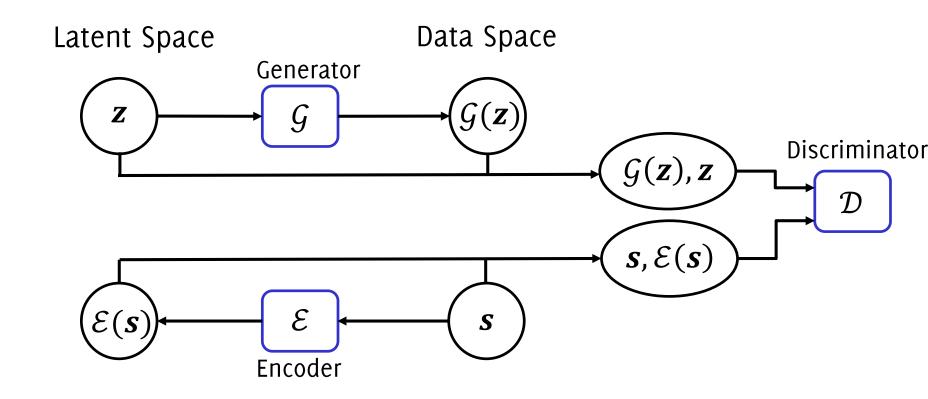


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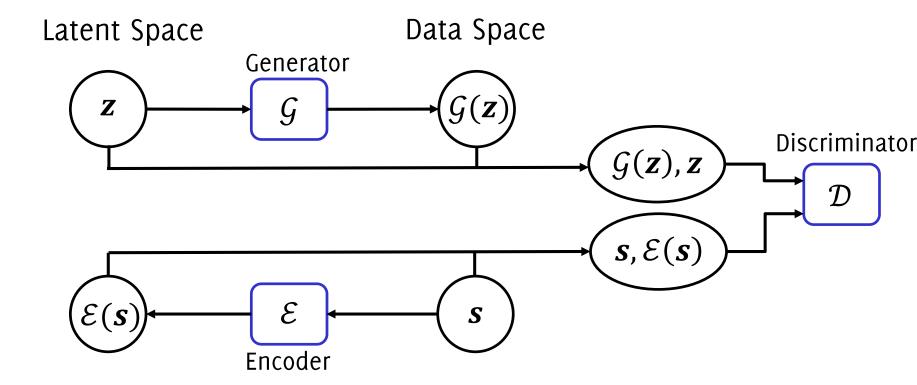


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$$\min_{\mathcal{G},\mathcal{E}} \max_{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D},\mathcal{E},\mathcal{G})$$

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It can be proved that on the manifold \mathcal{M} (i.e. on normal data):

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{G}^{-1}$$

ANOGAN IMPROVED

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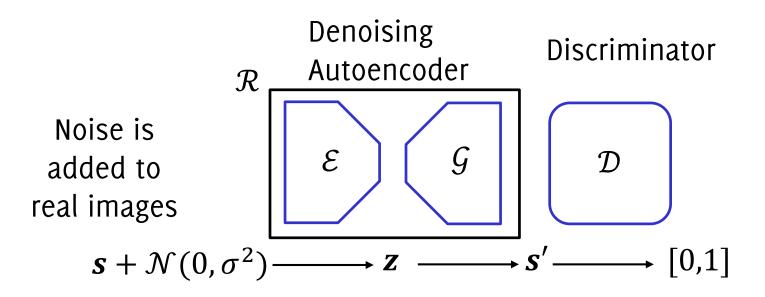
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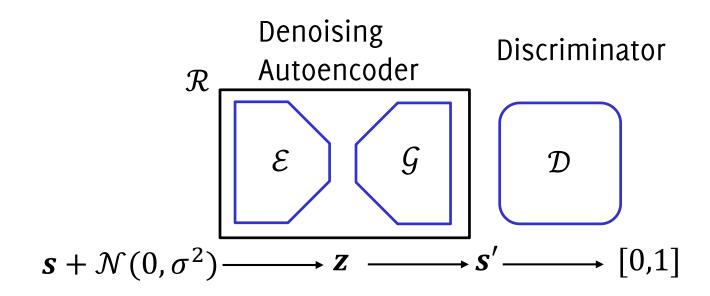
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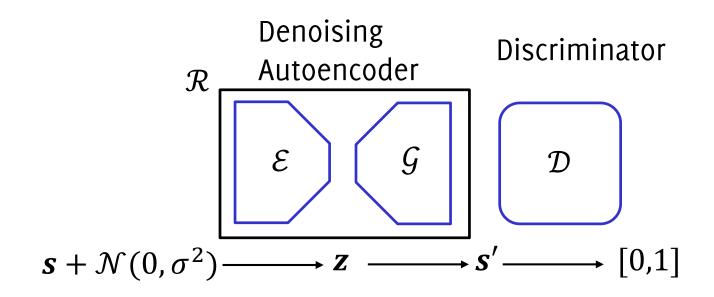
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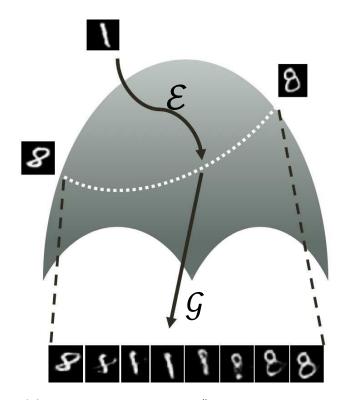
We expect that \mathcal{R} can successfully reconstruct (thus, fool \mathcal{D}) only normal sample:

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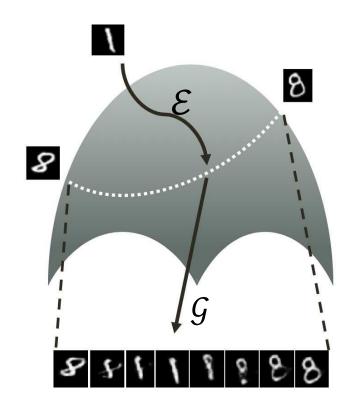




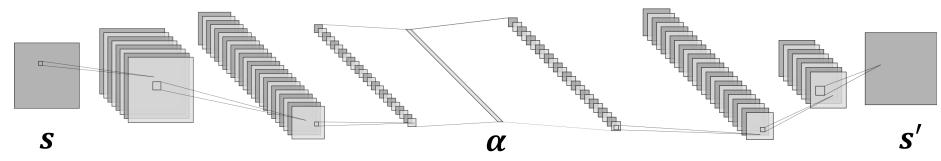
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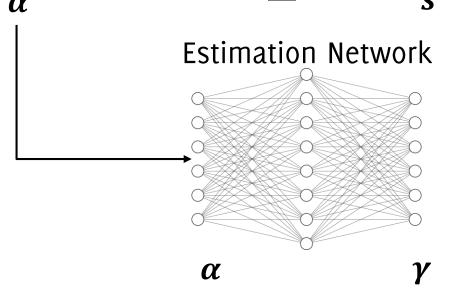


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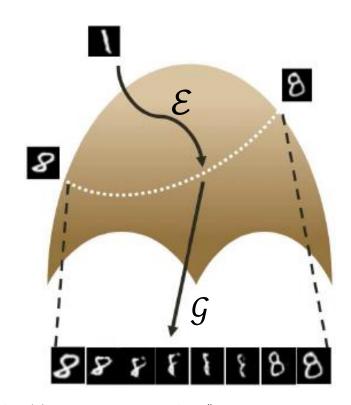


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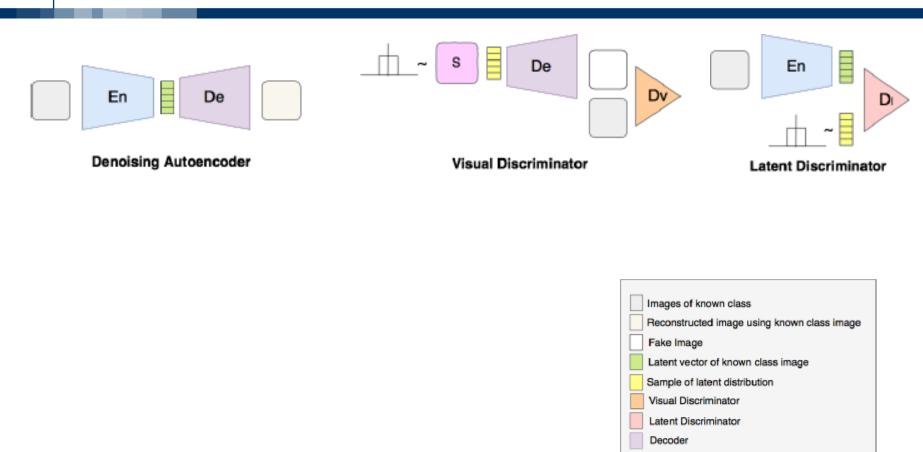
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This can be done using a **latent discriminator** on the latent space





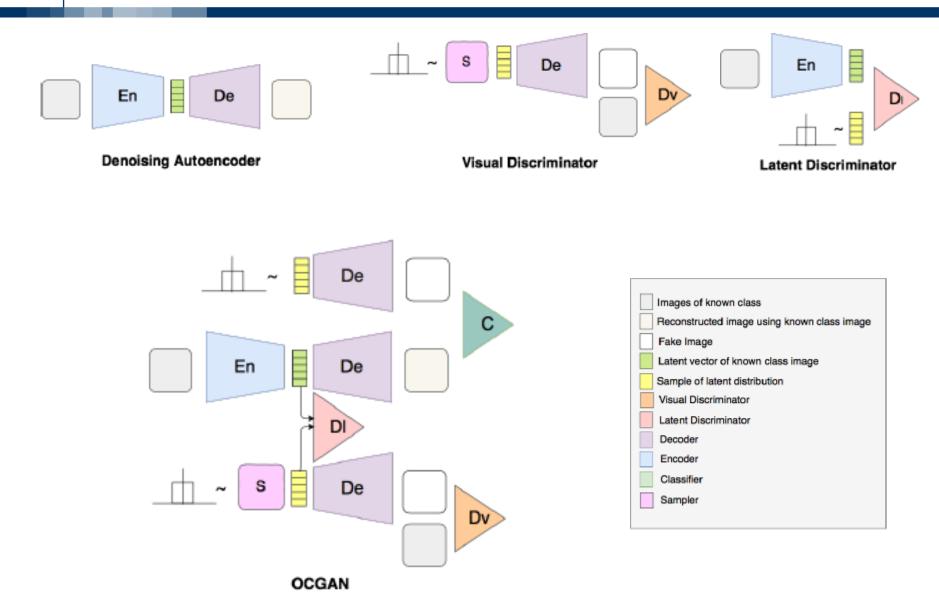
MUCH MORE COMPLICATED ARCHITECTURE



Encoder Classifier Sampler



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Perera et al, "OCGAN: One-class novelty detection using GANs with constrained latent representations", CVPR 2019

Concluding Remarks



A FEW CONCLUDING REMARKS

Nowadays, anomaly detection problems are **ubiquitous** in **engineering and applied sciences**.

The presented general framework encompasses most of algorithms in the literature, which often boil down to

- Feature extraction
- Definition of suitable statistics
- Applying decision rules to a set of random variables.



A FEW CONCLUDING REMARKS

When **data** are characterized by **complex structures**, as in case of images and signals, the feature extraction phase is the most critical one.

Data-driven models provide **meaningful representations** to images, that can be used to extract good feature for detection.

Nowadays the most powerful algorithms for feature extraction are based on deep learning, and in particular **Convolutional Neural Networks**



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CNNs can be used either:

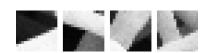
- As data-driven feature extractor that are put on top of an anomaly detector designed for random vectors
 - The best performance are achieved where the CNN and the anomaly detector are jointly learned
- As a generative model that allows to sample from the distribution of normal images
 - This generator has to be somehow inverted for anomaly detection



SOME RESOURCES

Annotated Datasets:

http://web.mi.imati.cnr.it/ettore/NanoTWICE/



https://www.kaggle.com/c/severstal-steel-defectdetection/data

Public software:

- Anomaly detection using sparse representations
 http://home.deib.polimi.it/boracchi/Projects/projects.html
 https://home.deib.polimi.it/carrerad/projects.html
- https://github.com/PramuPerera/OCGAN
- https://github.com/izikgo/AnomalyDetectionTransformations
- https://github.com/houssamzenati/Efficient-GAN-Anomaly-Detection.git
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