Anomaly Detection

Jing Gao
SUNY Buffalo

Anomaly Detection

- **Anomalies**
  - the set of objects are considerably dissimilar from the remainder of the data
  - occur relatively infrequently
  - when they do occur, their consequences can be quite dramatic and quite often in a negative sense

"Mining needle in a haystack.
So much hay and so little time"

Definition of Anomalies

- Anomaly is a pattern in the data that does not conform to the expected behavior
- Also referred to as outliers, exceptions, peculiarities, surprise, etc.
- Anomalies translate to significant (often critical) real life entities
  - Cyber intrusions
  - Credit card fraud

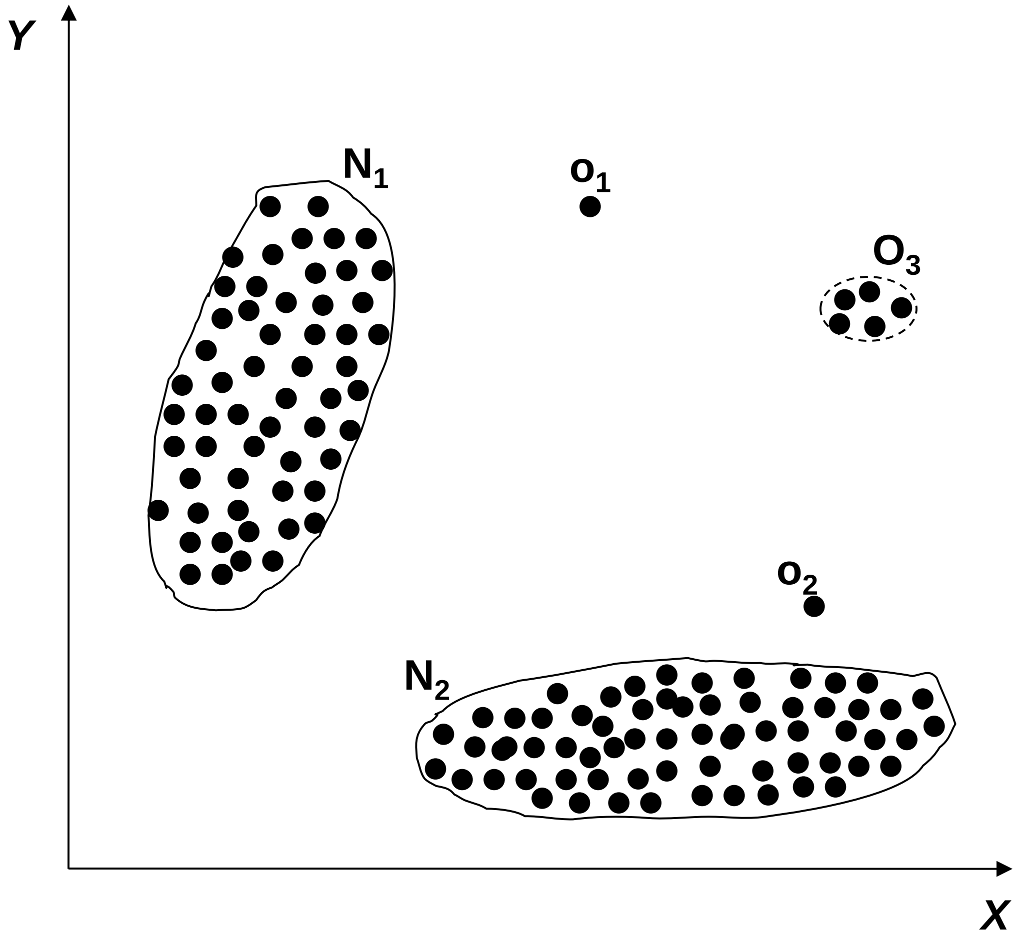
Real World Anomalies

- Credit Card Fraud
  - An abnormally high purchase made on a credit card

- Cyber Intrusions
  - Computer virus spread over Internet

Simple Example

- N_1 and N_2 are regions of normal behavior
- Points o_1 and o_2 are anomalies
- Points in region O_3 are anomalies



Related problems

- Rare Class Mining
- Chance discovery
- Novelty Detection
- Exception Mining
- Noise Removal

Key Challenges

- Defining a representative normal region is challenging
- The boundary between normal and outlying behavior is often not precise
- The exact notion of an outlier is different for different application domains
- Limited availability of labeled data for training/validation
- Malicious adversaries
- Data might contain noise
- Normal behaviour keeps evolving

Aspects of Anomaly Detection Problem

- Nature of input data
- Availability of supervision
- Type of anomaly: point, contextual, structural
- Output of anomaly detection
- Evaluation of anomaly detection techniques

Input Data

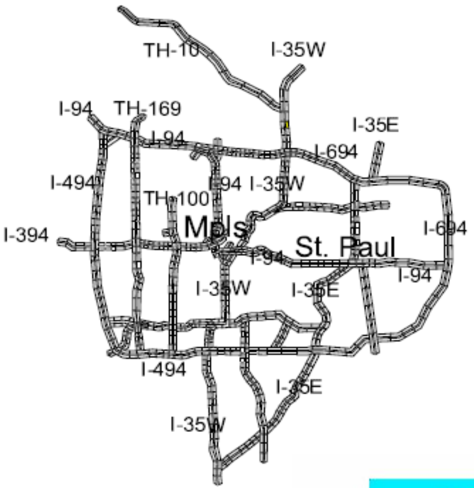
- Most common form of data handled by anomaly detection techniques is *Record Data*
  - Univariate
  - Multivariate

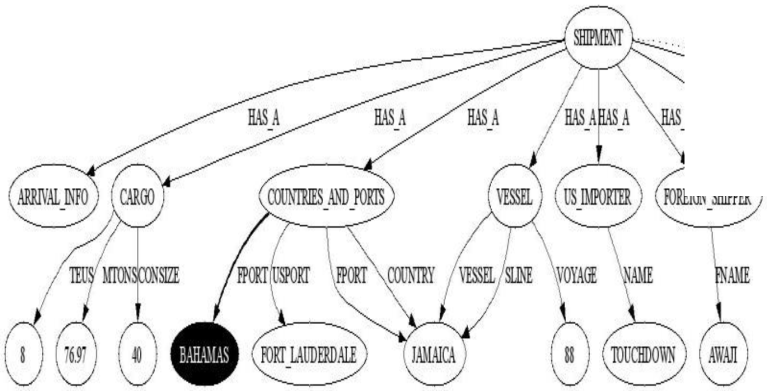
Tid	SrcIP	Start time	Dest IP	Dest Port	Number of bytes	Attack
1	206.135.38.95	11:07:20	160.94.179.223	139	192	No
2	206.163.37.95	11:13:56	160.94.179.219	139	195	No
3	206.163.37.95	11:14:29	160.94.179.217	139	180	No
4	206.163.37.95	11:14:30	160.94.179.255	139	199	No
5	206.163.37.95	11:14:32	160.94.179.254	139	19	Yes
6	206.163.37.95	11:14:35	160.94.179.253	139	177	No
7	206.163.37.95	11:14:36	160.94.179.252	139	172	No
8	206.163.37.95	11:14:38	160.94.179.251	139	285	Yes
9	206.163.37.95	11:14:41	160.94.179.250	139	195	No
10	206.163.37.95	11:14:44	160.94.179.249	139	163	Yes

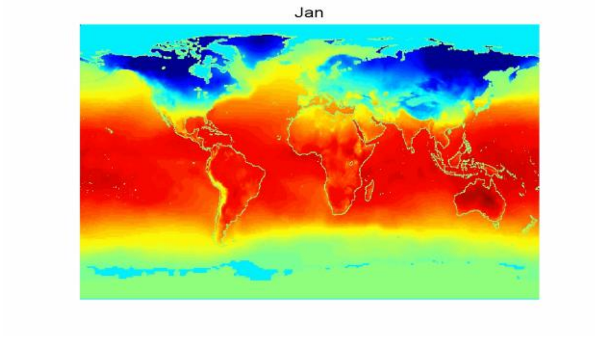
Input Data – Complex Data Types

- Relationship among data instances
  - Sequential
    - Temporal
  - Spatial
  - Spatio-temporal
  - Graph

GGTTCCGCCTTCAGCCCCGCGCC
CGCAGGGCCCGCCCCGCGCCGTC
GAGAAGGGCCCGCCTGGCGGGCG
GGGGGAGGCGGGGCCGCCCGAGC
CCAACCGAGTCCGACCAGGTGCC
CCCTCTGCTCGGCCTAGACCTGA
GCTCATTAGGCGGCAGCGGACAG
GCCAAGTAGAACACGCGAAGCGC
TGGGCTGCCTGCTGCGACCAGGG







Data Labels

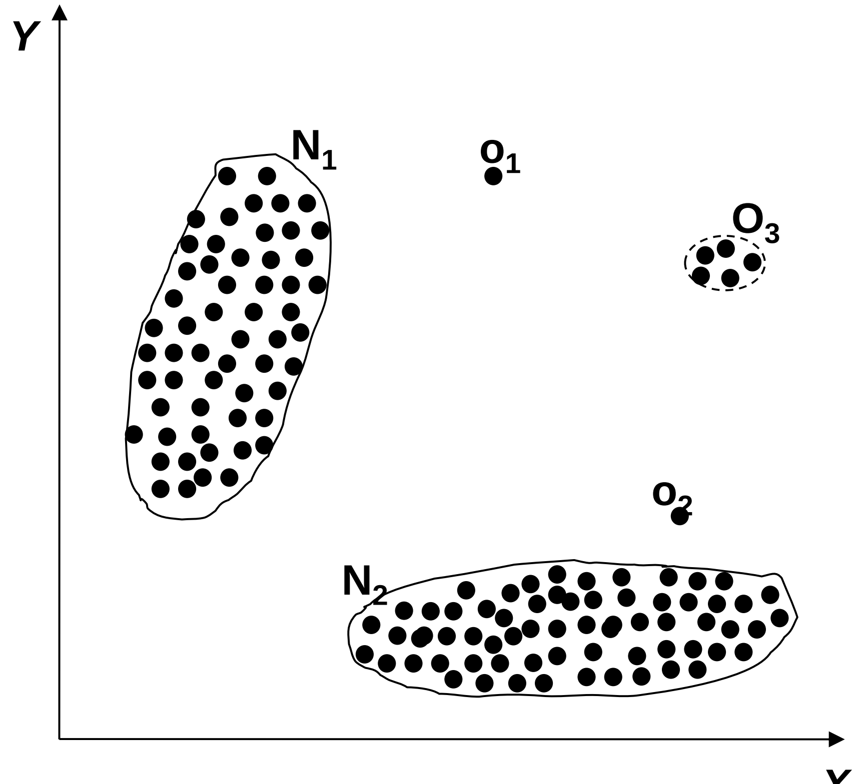
- **Supervised Anomaly Detection**
  – Labels available for both normal data and anomalies
  – Similar to skewed (imbalanced) classification
- **Semi-supervised Anomaly Detection**
  – Limited amount of labeled data
  – Combine supervised and unsupervised techniques
- **Unsupervised Anomaly Detection**
  – No labels assumed
  – Based on the assumption that anomalies are very rare compared to normal data

Type of Anomalies

- Point Anomalies
- Contextual Anomalies
- Collective Anomalies

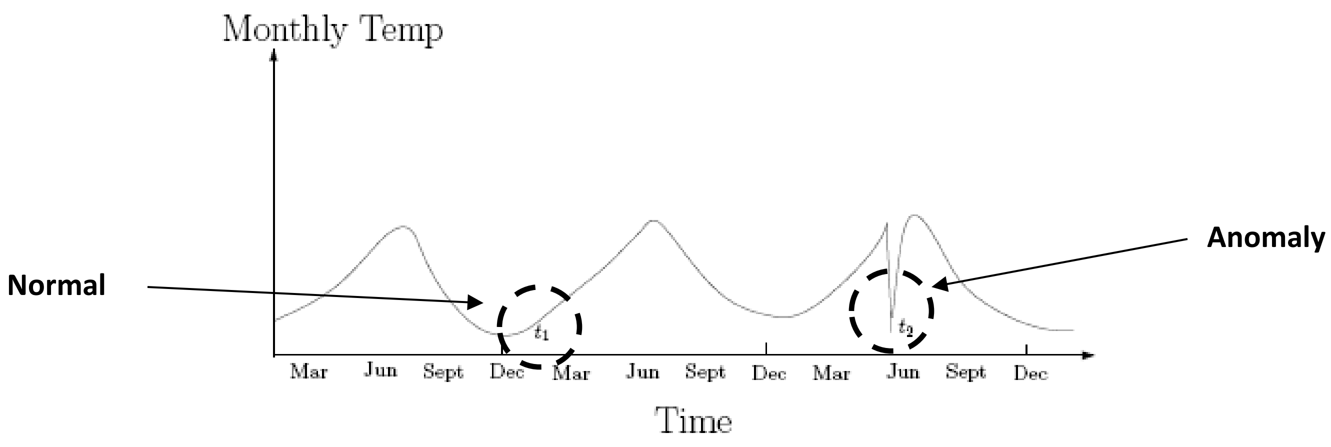
Point Anomalies

- An individual data instance is anomalous w.r.t. the data



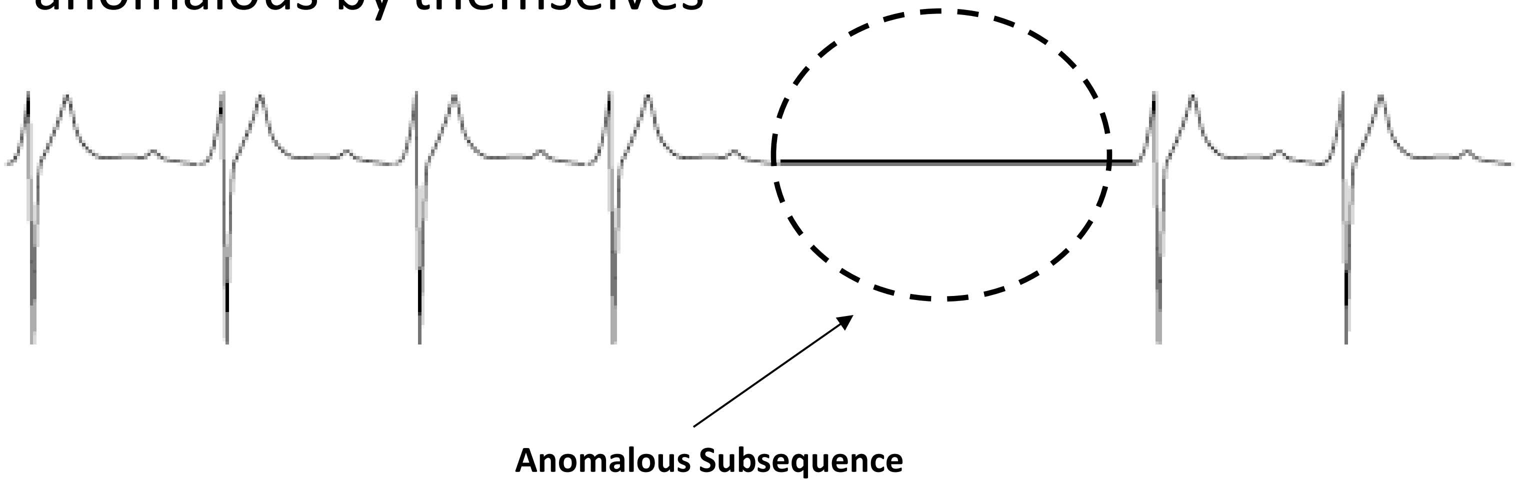
Contextual Anomalies

- An individual data instance is anomalous within a context
- Requires a notion of context
- Also referred to as conditional anomalies



Collective Anomalies

- A collection of related data instances is anomalous
- Requires a relationship among data instances
  - Sequential Data
  - Spatial Data
  - Graph Data
- The individual instances within a collective anomaly are not anomalous by themselves



Output of Anomaly Detection

- **Label**
  - Each test instance is given a *normal* or *anomaly* label
  - This is especially true of classification-based approaches
- **Score**
  - Each test instance is assigned an anomaly score
    - Allows the output to be ranked
    - Requires an additional threshold parameter

Metrics for Performance Evaluation

- Confusion Matrix

	PREDICTED CLASS		
ACTUAL CLASS		+	-
	+	a	b
	-	c	d

a: TP (true positive)

b: FN (false negative)

c: FP (false positive)

d: TN (true negative)

Metrics for Performance Evaluation

	PREDICTED CLASS		
ACTUAL CLASS		+	-
	+	a (TP)	b (FN)
	-	c (FP)	d (TN)

- Measure used in classification:

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{a+d}{a+b+c+d} = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+FP+FN}$$

Limitation of Accuracy

- Anomaly detection
  - Number of negative examples = 9990
  - Number of positive examples = 10

- If model predicts everything to be class 0, accuracy is 9990/10000 = 99.9 %
  - Accuracy is misleading because model does not detect any positive examples

Cost Matrix

	PREDICTED CLASS		
ACTUAL CLASS	C(i|j)	+	-
	+	C(+|+)	C(-|+)
	-	C(+|-)	C(-|-)

C(i|j): Cost of misclassifying class j example as class i

Computing Cost of Classification

Cost Matrix	PREDICTED CLASS		
ACTUAL CLASS	C(i|j)	+	-
	+	-1	100
	-	1	0

Model M_1	PREDICTED CLASS		
ACTUAL CLASS		+	-
	+	150	40
	-	60	250

Model M_2	PREDICTED CLASS		
ACTUAL CLASS		+	-
	+	250	45
	-	5	200

Accuracy = 80%

Cost = 3910

Accuracy = 90%

Cost = 4255

Cost-Sensitive Measures

$$\text{Precision (p)} = \frac{a}{a+c}$$

$$\text{Recall (r)} = \frac{a}{a+b}$$

$$\text{F-measure (F)} = \frac{2rp}{r+p} = \frac{2a}{2a+b+c}$$

$$\text{Weighted Accuracy} = \frac{w_1 a + w_4 d}{w_1 a + w_2 b + w_3 c + w_4 d}$$

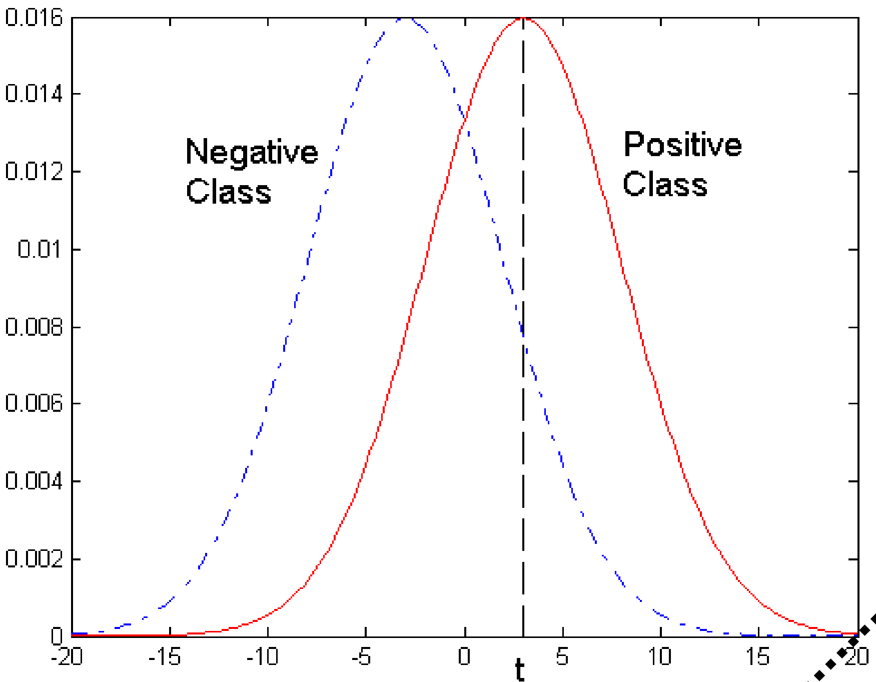
ROC (Receiver Operating Characteristic)

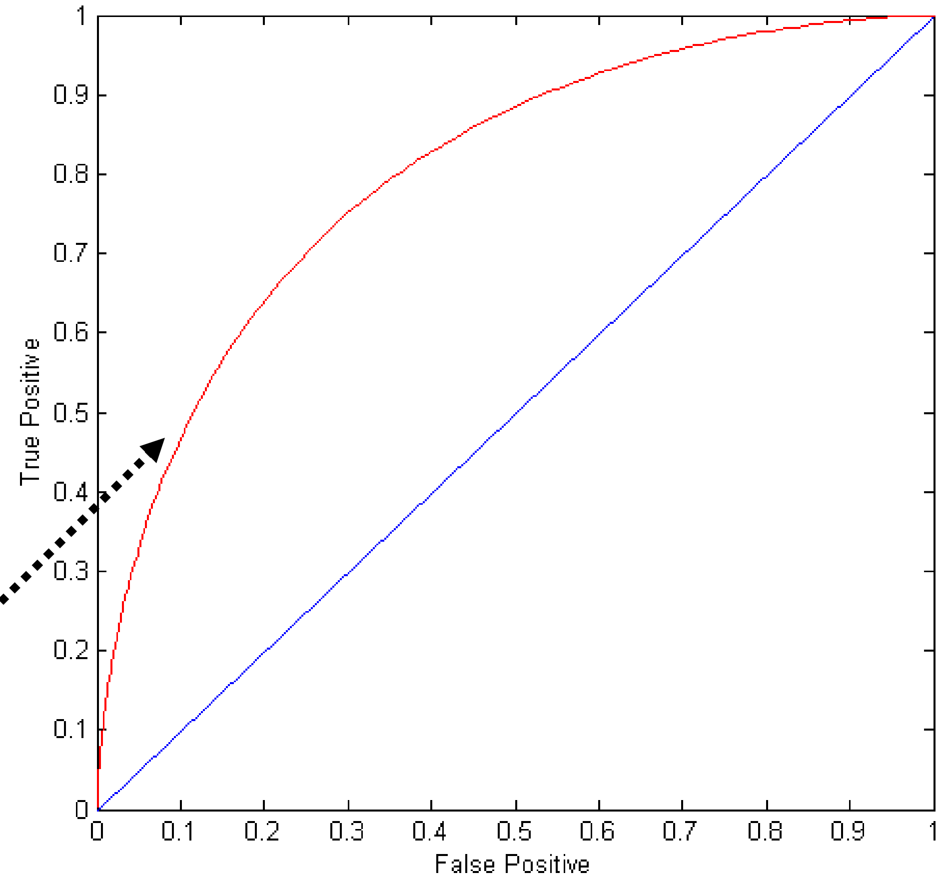
- ROC curve plots TPR (on the y-axis) against FPR (on the x-axis)
- Performance of each classifier represented as a point on the ROC curve
  - changing the threshold of algorithm, sample distribution or cost matrix changes the location of the point

ROC Curve

- 1-dimensional data set containing 2 classes (positive and negative)

- any points located at x > t is classified as positive





At threshold t:

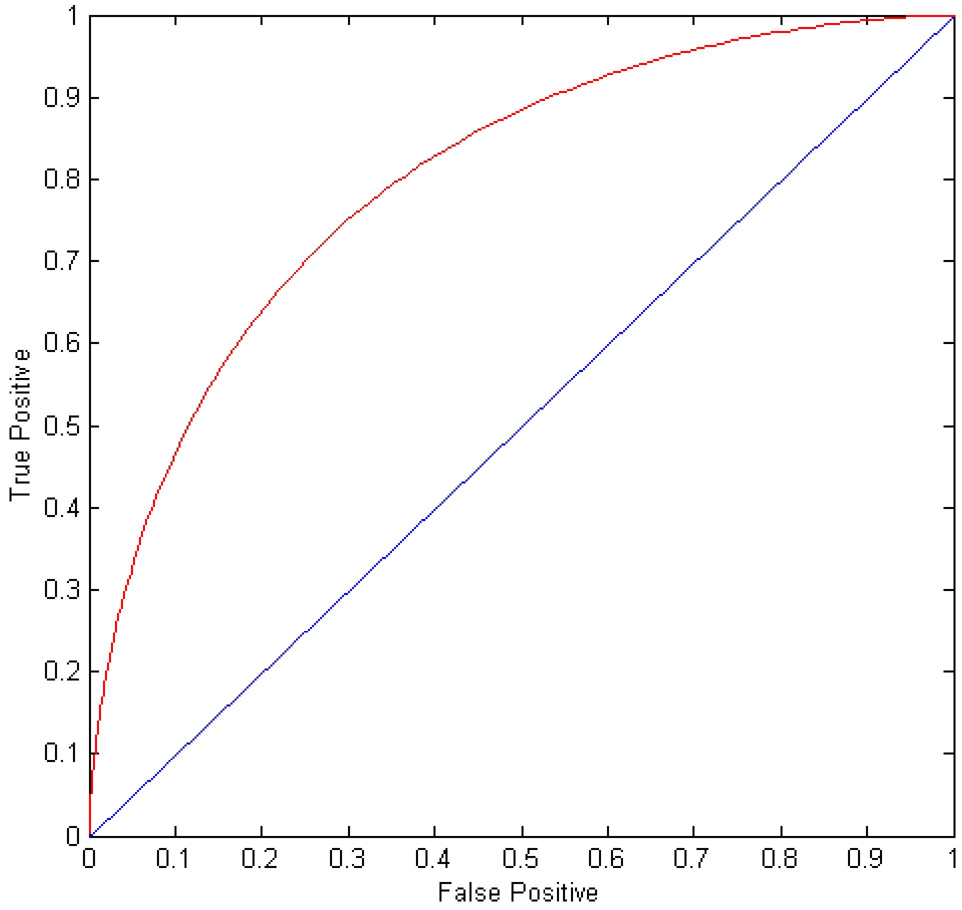
TP=0.5, FN=0.5, FP=0.12, FN=0.88

ROC Curve

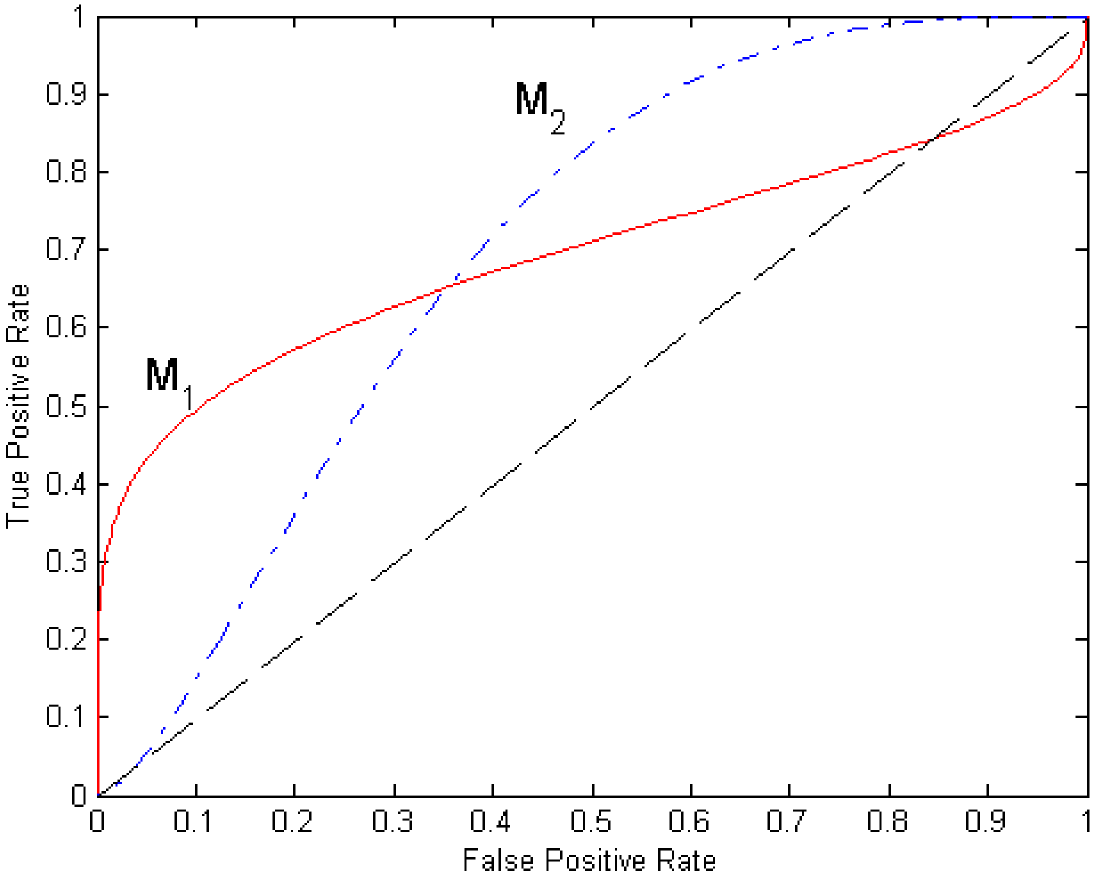
(TPR,FPR):

- (0,0): declare everything to be negative class
- (1,1): declare everything to be positive class
- (1,0): ideal

- Diagonal line:
  - Random guessing
  - Below diagonal line:
    - prediction is opposite of tl true class



Using ROC for Model Comparison



- Comparing two models
  - M_1 is better for small FPR
  - M_2 is better for large FPR
- Area Under the ROC curve
  - Ideal:
    - Area = 1
  - Random guess:
    - Area = 0.5

How to Construct an ROC curve

Instance	Score	Label
1	0.95	+
2	0.93	+
3	0.87	-
4	0.85	-
5	0.85	-
6	0.85	+
7	0.76	-
8	0.53	+

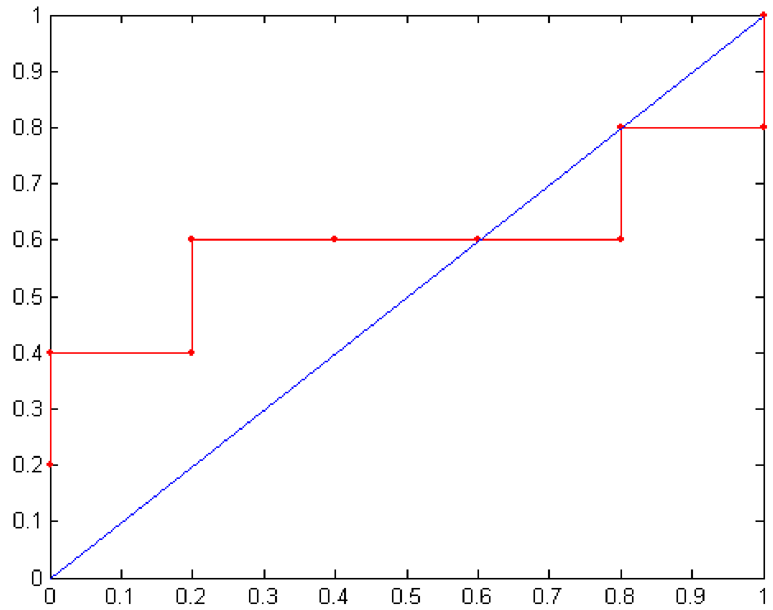
	PREDICTED CLASS		
ACTUAL CLASS		+	-
	+	a (TP)	b (FN)
	-	c (FP)	d (TN)

- Calculate the outlier scores of the given instances
- Sort the instances according to the scores in decreasing order
- Apply threshold at each unique value of the score
- Count the number of TP, FP, TN, FN at each threshold
- TP rate, TPR = TP/(TP+FN)
- FP rate, FPR = FP/(FP + TN)

How to construct an ROC curve

Class	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	
Threshold >=	0.25	0.43	0.53	0.76	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.87	0.93	0.95	1.00
TP	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	0
FP	5	5	4	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	0
TN	0	0	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	5	5
FN	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	5
→ TPR	1	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.2	0
→ FPR	1	1	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0	0	0

ROC Curve:



Applications of Anomaly Detection

- Network intrusion detection
- Insurance / Credit card fraud detection
- Healthcare Informatics / Medical diagnostics
- Image Processing / Video surveillance
- …

Intrusion Detection

- Intrusion Detection
  - Process of monitoring the events occurring in a computer system or network and analyzing them for intrusions
  - Intrusions are defined as attempts to bypass the security mechanisms of a computer or network
- Challenges
  - Traditional signature-based intrusion detection systems are based on signatures of known attacks and cannot detect emerging cyber threats
  - Substantial latency in deployment of newly created signatures across the computer system
- Anomaly detection can alleviate these limitations

Fraud Detection

- Fraud detection refers to detection of criminal activities occurring in commercial organizations
  - Malicious users might be the actual customers of the organization or might be posing as a customer (also known as identity theft).
- Types of fraud
  - Credit card fraud
  - Insurance claim fraud
  - Mobile / cell phone fraud
  - Insider trading

- Challenges
  - Fast and accurate real-time detection
  - Misclassification cost is very high

Healthcare Informatics

- Detect anomalous patient records
  - Indicate disease outbreaks, instrumentation errors, etc.
- Key Challenges
  - Misclassification cost is very high
  - Data can be complex: spatio-temporal

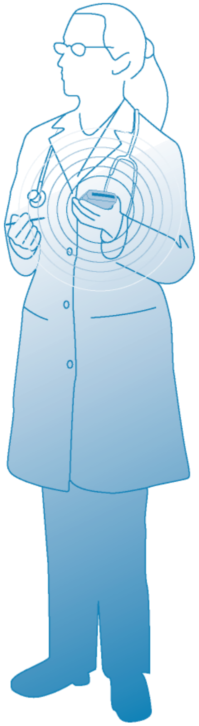
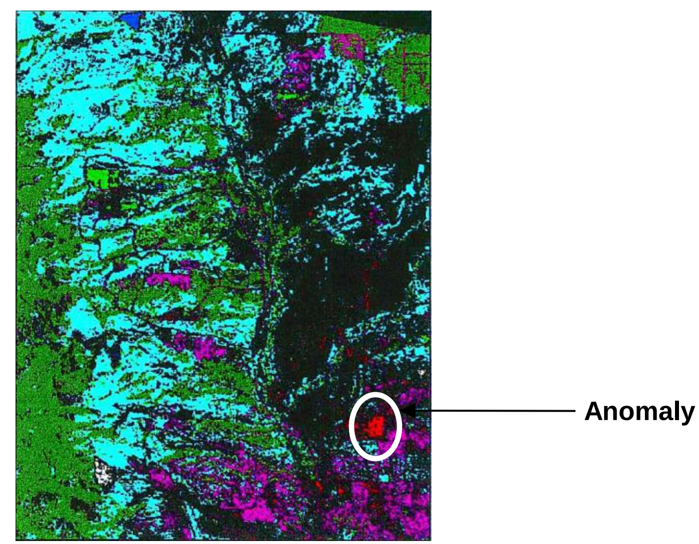


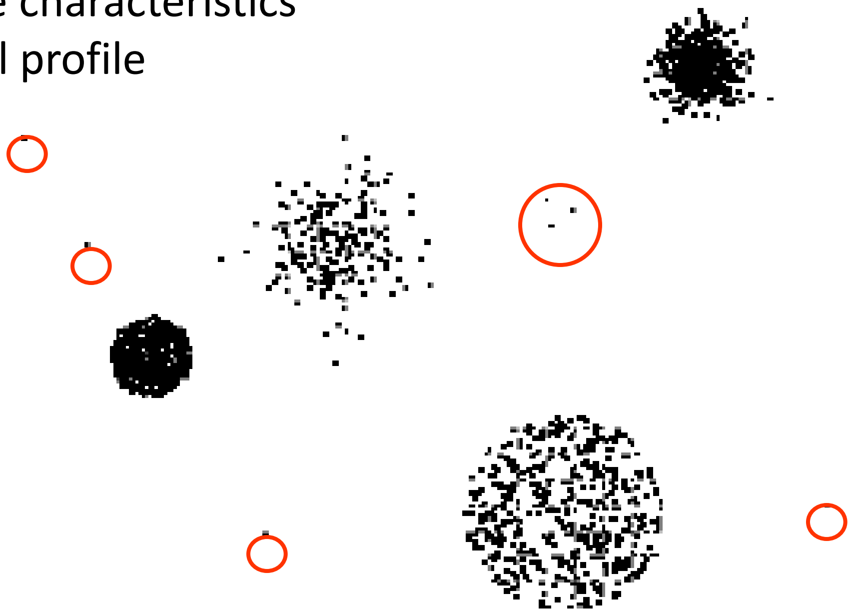
Image Processing

- Detecting outliers in a image monitored over time
- Detecting anomalous regions within an image
- Used in
  - mammography image analysis
  - video surveillance
  - satellite image analysis
- Key Challenges
  - Detecting collective anomalies
  - Data sets are very large



Anomaly Detection Schemes

- **General Steps**
  - Build a profile of the “normal” behavior
    - Profile can be patterns or summary statistics for the overall population
  - Use the “normal” profile to detect anomalies
    - Anomalies are observations whose characteristics differ significantly from the normal profile

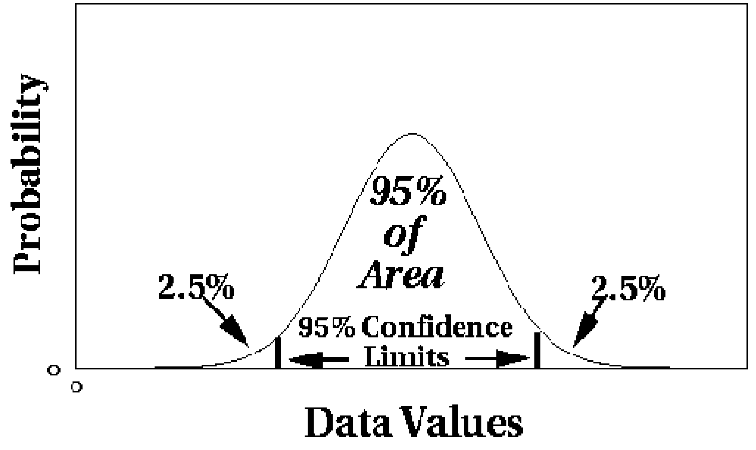


- **Methods**
  - Statistical-based
  - Distance-based
  - Model-based

Statistical Approaches

- Assume a parametric model describing the distribution of the data (e.g., normal distribution)

- Apply a statistical test that depends on
  - Data distribution
  - Parameter of distribution (e.g., mean, variance)
  - Number of expected outliers (confidence limit)



Grubbs' Test

- Detect outliers in univariate data
- Assume data comes from normal distribution
- Detects one outlier at a time, remove the outlier, and repeat
  - H_0: There is no outlier in data
  - H_A: There is at least one outlier
- Grubbs' test statistic: $$G = \frac{\max\left|X - \overline{X}\right|}{s}$$
- Reject H_0 if: $$G > \frac{(N-1)}{\sqrt{N}} \sqrt{\frac{t^2_{(\alpha/N, N-2)}}{N - 2 + t^2_{(\alpha/N, N-2)}}}$$

Statistical-based – Likelihood Approach

- Assume the data set D contains samples from a mixture of two probability distributions:
  - M (majority distribution)
  - A (anomalous distribution)
- General Approach:
  - Initially, assume all the data points belong to M
  - Let $L_t(D)$ be the log likelihood of D at time t
  - For each point x_t that belongs to M, move it to A
    - Let $L_{t+1}(D)$ be the new log likelihood.
    - Compute the difference, $\Delta = L_t(D) - L_{t+1}(D)$
    - If $\Delta > c$ (some threshold), then x_t is declared as an anomaly and moved permanently from M to A

Statistical-based – Likelihood Approach

- Data distribution, D = $(1 - \lambda)$ M + λ A
- M is a probability distribution estimated from data
  - Can be based on any modeling method, e.g., mixture model
- A can be assumed to be uniform distribution
- Likelihood at time t:

$$L_t(D) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} P_D(x_i) = \left((1-\lambda)^{|M_t|} \prod_{x_i \in M_t} P_{M_t}(x_i) \right) \left(\lambda^{|A_t|} \prod_{x_i \in A_t} P_{A_t}(x_i) \right)$$

Limitations of Statistical Approaches

- Most of the tests are for a single attribute
- In many cases, data distribution may not be known
- For high dimensional data, it may be difficult to estimate the true distribution

Distance-based Approaches

- Data is represented as a vector of features

- Three major approaches
  - Nearest-neighbor based
  - Density based
  - Clustering based

Nearest-Neighbor Based Approach

- **Approach:**
  - Compute the distance between every pair of data points
  - There are various ways to define outliers:
    - Data points for which there are fewer than *p* neighboring points within a distance *D*
    - The top *n* data points whose distance to the *k*-th nearest neighbor is greatest
    - The top *n* data points whose average distance to the *k* nearest neighbors is greatest

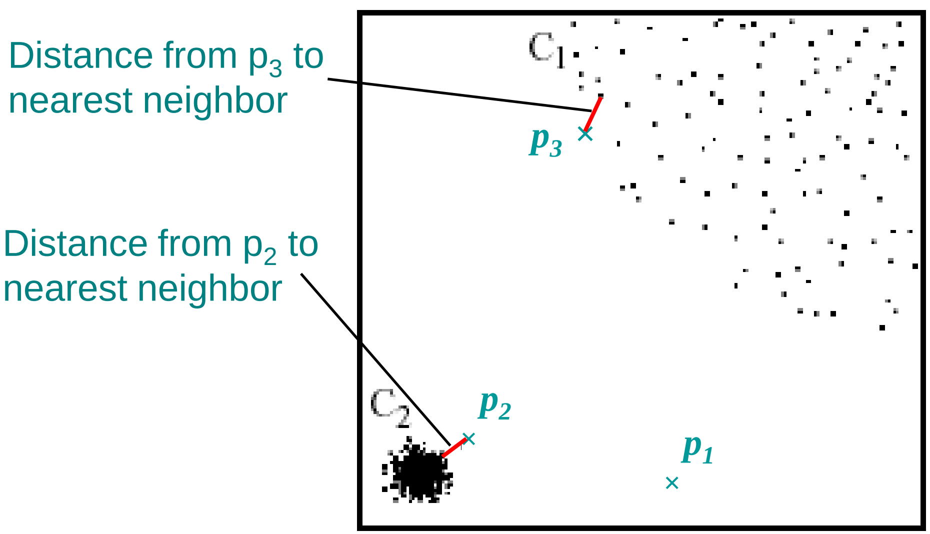
Distance-Based Outlier Detection

- For each object o, examine the # of other objects in the *r*-neighborhood of o, where *r* is a user-specified **distance threshold**
- An object o is an outlier if most (taking π as a **fraction threshold**) of the objects in D are far away from o, i.e., not in the r-neighborhood of o

- An object o is a DB(r, π) outlier if $\frac{\|\{o'|dist(o,o') \leq r\}\|}{\|D\|} \leq \pi$
- Equivalently, one can check the distance between *o* and its *k*-th nearest neighbor o_k, where $k = \lceil \pi \|D\| \rceil$. *o* is an outlier if dist(o, o_k) > r

Density-based Approach

- **Local Outlier Factor (LOF) approach**
  - Example:



In the *NN* approach, p_2 is not considered as outlier, while the *LOF* approach find both p_1 and p_2 as outliers

NN approach may consider p_3 as outlier, but LOF approach does not

Density-based: LOF approach

- For each point, compute the density of its local neighborhood
- Compute local outlier factor (LOF) of a sample *p* as the average of the ratios of the density of sample *p* and the density of its nearest neighbors
- Outliers are points with largest LOF value

Local Outlier Factor: LOF

- Reachability distance from *o'* to *o*:

$$reachdist_k(o \leftarrow o') = \max\{dist_k(o), dist(o, o')\}$$

  – where k is a user-specified parameter

- Local reachability density of *o*:

$$lrd_k(o) = \frac{\|N_k(o)\|}{\sum_{o' \in N_k(o)} reachdist_k(o' \leftarrow o)}$$

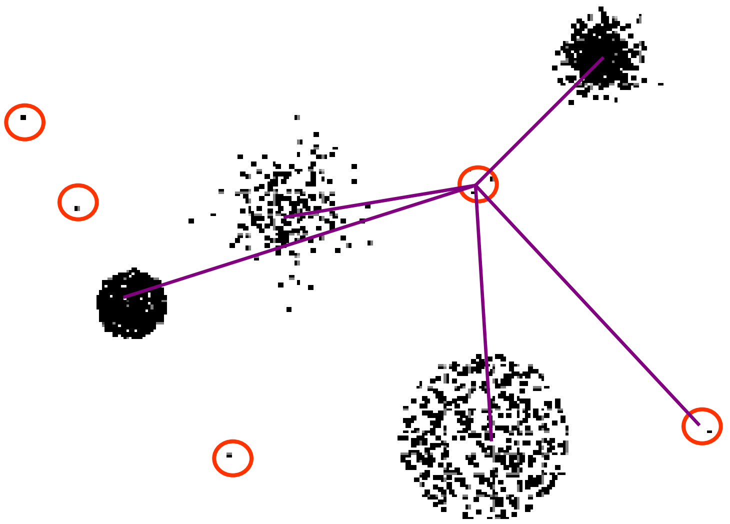
- LOF (Local outlier factor) of an object o is the average of the ratio of local reachability of *o* and those of *o*'s k-nearest neighbors

$$LOF_k(o) = \frac{\sum_{o' \in N_k(o)} \frac{lrd_k(o')}{lrd_k(o)}}{\|N_k(o)\|} = \sum_{o' \in N_k(o)} lrd_k(o') \cdot \sum_{o' \in N_k(o)} reachdist_k(o' \leftarrow o)$$

- The higher the local reachability distance of o, and the higher the local reachability density of the kNN of o, the higher LOF
- This captures a local outlier whose local density is relatively low comparing to the local densities of its kNN

Clustering-Based

- **Basic idea:**
  - Cluster the data into groups of different density
  - Choose points in small cluster as candidate outliers
  - Compute the distance between candidate points and non-candidate clusters.
    - If candidate points are far from all other non-candidate points, they are outliers

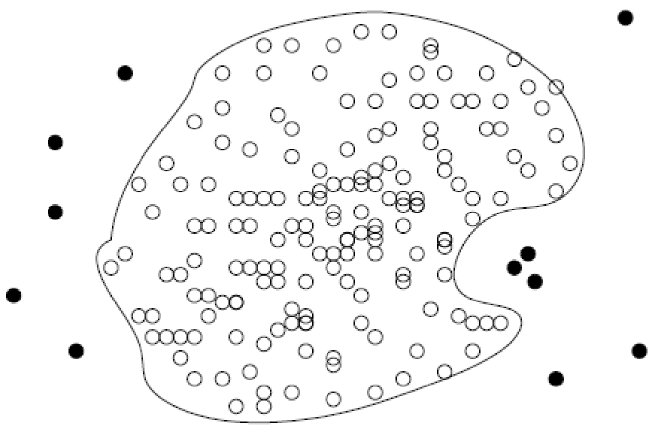


Classification-Based Methods

- Idea: Train a classification model that can distinguish "normal" data from outliers
- Consider a training set that contains samples labeled as "normal" and others labeled as "outlier"
  - But, the training set is typically heavily biased: # of "normal" samples likely far exceeds # of outlier samples
- Handle the imbalanced distribution
  - Oversampling positives and/or undersampling negatives
  - Alter decision threshold
  - Cost-sensitive learning

One-Class Model

- One-class model: A classifier is built to describe only the normal class
  - Learn the decision boundary of the normal class using classification methods such as SVM
  - Any samples that do not belong to the normal class (not within the decision boundary) are declared as outliers
  - Adv: can detect new outliers that may not appear close to any outlier objects in the training set



Take-away Message

- Definition of outlier detection
- Applications of outlier detection
- Evaluation of outlier detection techniques
- Unsupervised approaches (statistical, distance, density-based)