Improved Subspace Method for Supervised Anomaly Detection with Minimal Anomalous Data

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Abstract: In conventional anomaly detection methods, the classifier is usually trained only with normal data. However, real-world problems may present a very small amount of anomalous data. In this paper, we propose an improved subspace method for anomaly detection that has the ability to utilize a very small amount of anomalous data. Our method introduces an objective function that minimizes the average projection length of anomalous data into the conventional objective function for the subspace method. This formulation enables a normal subspace that considers the distribution of anomalous data to be learned, thereby improving the anomaly detection performance. Furthermore, because the information about anomalous data is provided in the form of the average projection length, stable detection can be expected even when an extremely small amount of anomalous data is used. We used MNIST and the CIFAR-10 dataset to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed method, which yielded a higher anomaly detection performance compared with the conventional normal model or classifier model under conditions in which very little anomalous data are obtainable. The performance of our method on CIFAR-10 was assessed by imposing the constraint that only four or five anomalous data samples could be used. In this test, our method achieved an average AUC of 0.263 points higher than that of the state-of-the-art method using only normal data.

1 INTRODUCTION

The subspace method (SM)(Watanabe and Pakvasa, 1973; Oja, 1983), which is a pattern recognition technique, generates a low-dimensional subspace that represents the data distribution. In other words, the subspace contains the maximum projection length of data. Therefore, the optimization of SM entails the maximization of the average projection length of data onto its surface. In classification problems, the input data are classified into the class with the highest similarity between the input data and the class subspace, which can be obtained from the data of one class. Therefore, SM can also be applied to one-class classification problems and anomaly detection problems.

On the other hand, the decreasing cost of collecting sensor data has prompted active research on anomaly detection using machine-learning techniques. This approach to anomaly detection has been used for machine failure detection(Hasegawa et al., 2018), fault detection in parts manufacturing(Moyne and Iskandar, 2017), the detection of attacks in network security(Barford et al., 2002), and the detection of anomalous echoes in infrastructure equipment inspection(Ye et al., 2014). In general, in the field of anomaly detection, anomalous data are difficult to obtain compared to normal data, of which a large amount is available. Therefore, most anomaly detection techniques using machine learning train a normal state using only normal data, and detect anomalous data based on the dissimilarity from the normal state(Wang et al., 2004)(An and Cho, 2015)(Zhou and Paffenroth, 2017). Semi-Supervised Anomaly Detection (SSAD)(Görnitz et al., 2013) is a valuable anomaly detection method that can utilize anomaly data based on Support Vector Data Description (Tax and Duin, 2004). SSAD generates hyperspheres that contain normal data and no anomalous data. SSAD is effective when we have a large amount of anomalous data, but is ineffective when very little anomalous data are available. However, real-world problems...
involve very small amounts of anomalous data in addition to a large amount of normal data. Therefore, if we were to succeed in using these anomalous data effectively, the anomaly detection performance could be improved compared to the conventional anomaly detection method.

In this paper, we propose a supervised SM with a large amount of normal data and very little anomalous data. The objective function of the conventional SM is to maximize the average projection length of normal data. The proposed method contains an additional term, which is added to minimize the average projection length of very little anomalous data to the objective function of the conventional SM. The eigenvalue problem is derived by applying the Lagrange multiplier method to the optimization problem. Then, we can obtain a basis vector of the normal class subspace by solving the eigenvalue problem. The proposed method detects the anomalous data based on the projection length when an unknown data value is projected into the normal class subspace. Because the normal class subspace of the proposed method considers the distribution of anomalous data, it can be expected to improve the anomaly detection performance. Furthermore, even when extremely little anomalous data are available, we expect to be able to utilize these anomalous data to stably detect anomalous data. This expectation considers that the proposed method provides information on the anomalous data using the average projection length.

In this paper, in Sect. 2, we discuss the necessities of anomaly detection with a large amount of normal data and a small amount of anomalous data, and describe the conventional SM. In Sect. 3, we present the proposed method, and in Sect. 4, we describe the effectiveness of the proposed method, which was assessed by conducting computer experiments using the MNIST and CIFAR-10 datasets. In Sect. 5, we deliver the conclusion.

2 BACKGROUND AND RELATED WORK

Anomaly detection has been studied for a long time, and many anomaly detection methods have been proposed. However, because anomalous data rarely appear in real-world problems, most anomaly detection methods are trained only with normal data. In fact, it is rarely possible to obtain more than small amounts of anomalous data. We could therefore expect to improve the anomaly detection performance by utilizing the rare anomalous data instead of normal data. In such cases, we could use binary classifiers such as neural networks, a support vector machine, and random forest without using an anomaly detection method. However, a binary classifier cannot detect unknown data that are not contained in the training dataset. Furthermore, it would not be possible to train the classifier thoroughly because of the data bias. Therefore, we would need to devise a way to use the small amount of anomalous data effectively, to enable the anomaly detection method to generate a normal state.

Typical anomaly detection methods include a one-class support vector machine, auto-encoder, and SM. Among these methods, SM has been widely used because of its high generalization ability and easy implementation. In this section, we describe the conventional SM for anomaly detection in detail.

2.1 Subspace Method

In anomaly detection, we obtain the subspace for the normal data by solving the following optimization problem.

$$\text{maximize } \frac{1}{|S_x|} \sum_{i \in S_x} (x_i^\top v)^2$$  \hspace{1cm} (1)

subject to $v^\top v = 1$,  \hspace{1cm} (2)

where $x$, $v$, and $S_x$ are the $l$-dimensional input vector, $l$-dimensional weight vector, and subscript indicates the subset of normal data, respectively. Introducing a Lagrange multiplier $\lambda$ enables equation (1) and (2) to be transformed into the following optimization problem:

$$\text{maximize } \frac{1}{|S_x|} \sum_{i \in S_x} (x_i^\top v)^2 - \lambda(v^\top v - 1).$$  \hspace{1cm} (3)

The optimal condition for $v$ can be obtained by the following eigenvalue problem,

$$\frac{1}{|S_x|} \sum_{i \in S_x} x_ix_i^\top v = \lambda v.$$  \hspace{1cm} (4)

We can obtain $l$ eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_l$ ($\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_l$) and corresponding $l$ eigenvectors $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_l$ by solving the eigenvalue problem of equation (4). Because these eigenvectors contain redundant expressions, we select eigenvectors that satisfy the following equation.

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{l} \lambda_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{l} \lambda_i} \geq \eta,$$  \hspace{1cm} (5)

where $\eta$ is a hyperparameter less than 1, a so-called cumulative contribution rate. Then, we find the smallest $r$ that satisfies equation (5), and define $V = \sum_{i=1}^{r} \lambda_i v_i$.
The anomaly score of data $z$ is calculated as the distance between $z$ and $\hat{z}$, which is reconstructed by subspace $V$. In other words, the anomaly score is:

$$D_+(z) = \frac{|\sin \theta|}{\|z - \hat{z}\|_2} = \frac{\|z - \hat{z}\|_2}{\|z\|_2} = \frac{\|(I_{l \times l} - VV^\top)z\|_2}{\|z\|_2},$$

where $I_{l \times l}$ is an $l \times l$ identity matrix. Data $z$ with a relatively large $D_+(z)$ in equation (6) is classified as anomalous data.

### 3 PROPOSED METHOD

In the conventional SM, the normal subspace is generated using normal data only. Therefore, even if we were able to obtain anomalous data, we would not be able to utilize these data. Thus, the effective use of anomalous data would be expected to improve the anomaly detection performance. Therefore, we define a formulation by considering the anomalous data. Specifically, we introduce a condition that minimizes the average projection length of the anomalous data to the objective function of the conventional equation (1) as follows:

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\begin{align*}
\text{maximize} & \quad \frac{1}{|S_+|} \sum_{i \in S_+} (x_i^T v)^2 - \frac{C}{|S_-|} \sum_{i \in S_-} (x_i^T v) \\
\text{subject to} & \quad v^T v = 1,
\end{align*}
\]

where $C \in \mathbb{R}_+$, and $S_+$ are the tradeoff hyperparameters between the normal and anomalous data, and the subscript subset of the anomalous data, respectively. Especially, in the case of $C = 0$, equation (7) is equal to equation (1). As in Sect. 2, we can obtain the following eigenvalue problem by introducing the Lagrange multiplier $\lambda$ into equation (7) and (8).

\[
\left( \frac{1}{|S_+|} \sum_{i \in S_+} x_i x_i^T - \frac{C}{|S_-|} \sum_{i \in S_-} x_i x_i^T \right) v = \lambda v
\]

By solving equation (9), we obtain eigenvectors $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_r$. Therefore, as in the conventional SM, we obtain subspace $V = (v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_r)$ using equation (5). In equation (7), because we use the information on anomalous data by employing the average projection length, it becomes possible to utilize very little anomalous data in an effective manner.

The illustration in Figure 1 compares the conventional subspace with the subspace of the proposed method. Because the conventional subspace is determined only by normal data, anomalous data cannot be considered. However, the proposed method considers anomalous data, and designates an area away from the data known to be anomalous as the normal subspace. The generation of such a normal subspace enables the anomaly detection performance to be improved.

### 4 EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

We demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed method using the MNIST and CIFAR-10 datasets. Because the proposed method uses very little anomalous data, we compared the performance on both of these datasets using both an anomaly detection method and a binary classifier.

#### 4.1 Methods

We compare the proposed method with the conventional SM with only normal data, and convolutional neural network ResNet-50(He et al., 2016) as a binary classifier. In this section, we refer to the proposed method as “ISM”, and ResNet-50 for a binary classifier as “BI-ResNet-50”. For SM and ISM, we used the features of the fully connected layer of ResNet-50 as the input features. In this section, we refer to the feature extractor using ResNet-50 as “FE-ResNet-50”. Figure 2 shows the flow of the proposed method. In addition, we compare the proposed method and SSAD(Görnitz et al., 2013), which is trained with both normal and anomalous data.

Furthermore, we compared the results of the aforementioned methods with those of ISM, to demonstrate the performance of our method relative to the following recently proposed well-known methods that use only normal data.
Figure 2: Flow of the proposed method.

Figure 3: Experimental setting for training and test data with anomalous data.

- Kernel Density Estimation (KDE) (Parzen, 1962)
- One-Class Support Vector Machine (OC-SVM) (Scholkopf and Smola, 2001)
- Isolation Forest (IF) (Liu et al., 2008)
- Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) (Fraley and Raftery, 2002)
- Deep Convolutional Autoencoder (DCAE) (Masci et al., 2011)
- Anomaly Detection with Generative Adversarial Network (AnoGAN) (Schlegl et al., 2017)
- Variational Autoencoder (VAE) (Kingma and Welling, 2013)
- Anomaly Detection with Generative Adversarial Network (ADGAN) (Deecke et al., 2018)

The experimental results of each of these methods were surveyed from (Deecke et al., 2018).

4.2 Setting Hyperparameters

We fine-tuned all the layers of BI-ResNet-50 for 20 epochs using an Adam optimizer \((\alpha = 0.001, \beta_1=0.9, \beta_2=0.999, \epsilon = 10^{-8})\) and the weighted cross entropy loss for considering class imbalance. The initial value of BI-ResNet-50 is the weight and bias pre-trained with ImageNET (Deng et al., 2009). FE-ResNet50 had pre-trained weights with ImageNET, and did not require fine-tuning.

The hyperparameters used in SSAD, SM, and ISM were selected by 4-FOLD cross validation. In our experiment, because there are only 4 or 5 anomalous data in the training data, we divided the training data 3:1 for normal data and 1:3 for anomalous data, and cross-validated with AUC as the evaluation value. The hyperparameters were selected every time the training dataset changed. We selected \(\eta\) from \{0.80, 0.85, 0.90, 0.95, 0.99\}, \(C\) from \{0.5, 0.4, 0.3, 0.2, 0.1, 0.09, 0.08, 0.07, 0.06, 0.05, 0.04, 0.03, 0.02, 0.01\}, the RBF kernel parameter \(\gamma\) from \{0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100\}, and the trade-off parameter for the error in SSAD from \{10^{-2}, 10^{-1}, 10^0, 10^1, 10^2, 10^3\}. We set the trade-off parameter for the margin \(\kappa = 1.0\).

4.3 Datasets

We assessed the performance using the above-mentioned two popular datasets. The first, the MNIST dataset, which contains grayscale images of handwritten digits, contains 60,000 training images and 10,000 test images with a 28 × 28 image size. The other, the CIFAR-10 dataset, which contains RGB images of real-world objects belonging to ten classes, contains 50,000 training images and 10,000 test images with an image size of 32 × 32.
### 4.4 Experimental Setting

Suppose we have a large amount of normal data and very little anomalous data in the training dataset. In our experiment, we assumed the data in each single class to be normal. The training dataset contained a large number of images from this single class. Additionally, we randomly sampled data one by one from other class numbers as anomalous data. That is, the number of anomalous data is very small compared to the number of normal data in the training dataset.

Figure 3 shows the experimental setting for the training and test data with anomalies for the MNIST dataset. In this example, we take class 5 as a normal class, known anomaly classes, and one image of each of classes 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 as anomalous data for the training dataset. The evaluation covered the data in all classes. In other words, class 5, class 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4, and class 6, 7, 8, and 9 are a normal class, known anomaly classes, unknown anomaly classes, respectively.

In the experiments, we define half of all classes as known anomalies which are included in the training dataset. For the MNIST data set, we set known anomalies as class 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4. For the CIFAR-10 dataset, we set known anomalies as the airplane, automobile, bird, cat, and deer classes. In the case the normal class is included in the known anomalies classes, the normal class is excepted from the anomalies. Therefore, the training dataset included four or five anomalous data and a large number of normal data.

The random selection of anomalous data was achieved by repeatedly evaluating the classifier that uses the anomalous data for training ten times under the same experimental conditions, and comparing it with the average value. The experiment was evaluated using AUC for all test data.

### 4.5 Experimental Results

Table 1 lists the AUC for each problem for the conventional and the proposed methods. The maximum AUC for each problem is shown in bold. “Avg.” means the average AUC for all classes. The experiments were repeated ten times for the method using the anomalous data, and the standard deviation is provided in the table.

For the MNIST dataset, the AUC for ISM is improved by 0.081 points on average, compared with the conventional SM. Because ISM minimizes the average projection length of anomalous data, a normal subspace is generated away from the anomalous data. A comparison of the AUC for ISM and ResNet-50 reveals that the average AUC for for the two methods is the same. Because the classification of the data in MNIST is a simple problem, it is possible to de-

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Table 2 shows the AUC for SSAD and ISM, which are anomaly detection methods with normal data and very little anomalous data, shows that AUC for ISM is higher. In other words, ISM can effectively utilize anomalous data stably.

For the CIFAR-10 dataset, the AUC for the proposed method has the maximum value in all classes. On average, the ISM improves the AUC by 0.081 points compared with the conventional SM. Furthermore, the AUC for ISM is significantly higher than the AUC for ResNet-50. Moreover, comparing SSAD and ISM, the AUC for ISM is much higher than the AUC for SSAD except for the bird class. On both the MNIST and CIFAR-10 datasets, ISM improves the AUC significantly compared with the conventional SM; thus, it is more effective when using very little anomalous data when generating a normal subspace.

Table 2 shows the AUC of the test data for the anomalous data included in the training dataset, and the anomalies that are not included. “All data”, “vs. Known anomalies”, and “vs. Unknown anomalies” mean all test data, test anomalous data included in the training dataset, and test anomalous data not included in the training dataset, respectively. Because ISM uses a small amount of anomalous data during training, the AUC for known anomalies of ISM is higher than the AUC for SM. Table 2 reveals that the AUC for unknown anomalies of ISM is higher than the AUC for SM. This experimental result presents that the proposed method is robust against known anomalies as well as unknown anomalies.

Table 3 presents the result of applying the ROCAUC s with ISM when taking the experimental results from (Deecke et al., 2018)\textsuperscript{1}. The maximum AUC obtained for each problem is shown in bold.

For the MNIST dataset, the ISM AUC is the largest of only three of the problems. Because MNIST classification is a simple problem, the ISM AUC is 0.003 points lower than the ADGAN AUC, but the AUC is not significantly different.

For the CIFAR-10 dataset, the AUC for ISM is the largest of all the problems; that is, the ROCAUCs for ISM are much higher than the ROCAUCs for the other methods. In particular, the AUC for ISM is 0.263 points higher than the AUC of ADGAN, which has the best performance among the conventional methods. Furthermore, in the Automobile and Cat classes, the conventional method is hardly able to distinguish between anomalous and normal data, when performing the classification. However, ISM classifies the anomalous and normal data from these problems as effectively as the other problems. The experimental results show that, even if a very small amount of anomalous data is available, we can expect to improve

\textsuperscript{1}The proposed method evaluates all the test data (10,000). However, the surveyed data are the result of evaluating 5,000 randomly selected data values from all the test data.
the anomaly detection performance greatly, using our proposed method. In addition, the proposed method generates the normal subspace; therefore, it is robust against unknown anomalies.

5 CONCLUSION

This paper proposed a novel anomaly detection method for supervised anomaly detection. The proposed method, which utilizes very little anomalous data, is based on the subspace method. Specifically, our proposed method is able to generate a normal subspace using a large amount of normal data and very little anomalous data. In particular, we defined the optimization problem as being the maximization of the projection length for normal data and minimization of the projection length for anomalous data. Because the proposed method uses the information of the anomalous data using the average projection length, the normal subspace can be generated stably. Furthermore, the proposed method can detect unknown anomalous data because of its ability to generate a normal subspace.

In the experiments, we compared the AUC of the proposed method with that of the state-of-the-art method trained only with normal data. We found that our proposed method achieves an average AUC that was 0.263 points higher than the state-of-the-art method with only normal data. The experimental results confirmed that the proposed method is powerful when very little anomalous data are available.

In the future, we plan to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed method using a real-world problem. For example, we aim to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed method with the MVTec anomaly detection dataset (MVTec AD), which was previously proposed (Bergmann et al., 2019).

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