REFRAMING UNSUPERVISED MACHINE CONDITION MONITORING AS A SUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION TASK WITH OUTLIER-EXPOSED CLASSIFIERS

Technical Report

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ABSTRACT

This technical report contains a detailed summary of our submissions to the *Unsupervised Detection of Anomalous Sounds for Machine Condition Monitoring* (MCM) Task of the *IEEE AASP Challenge on Detection and Classification of Acoustic Scenes and Events 2020* (DCASE). The goal of acoustic MCM is to identify whether a sound emitted from a machine is normal or anomalous. In contrast to the task coordinator's claim that 'this task cannot be solved as a simple classification problem,' we show that a simple binary classifier substantially outperforms the provided unsupervised Autoencoder baseline across all machine types and instances, if *outliers* i.e., various other recordings, are available. In addition to this technical description, we release our implementation for reproducibility.

***Index Terms*—** Unsupervised Anomaly Detection, Outlier-Exposed Classifiers, Machine Condition Monitoring, DCASE2020

1. INTRODUCTION

- anomaly detection as a problem class
- explain the difficulty of obtaining anomalous samples - mostly because destroying stuff that works is expensive and anomalies are scarce.
- one instance of this problem is *Machine Condition Monitoring*

2. RELATED WORK

- Taxonomy of Anomaly Detection Methods (TODO: find a survey paper)
- Challenge Baseline Paper [1]
- Very complicated MCM approach [2]
- AUC, pAUC [3]
- AUC Loss Equation [2]
- Rethinking Assumptions in Anomaly Detection [4]

3. OUTLIER-EXPOSED CLASSIFIERS

Using random outliers somehow improves classification results – still not sure why. Anyhow, we investigate under which conditions we can use outlier exposed classifiers for unsupervised MCM.

An outlier expose-classifier is a binary classifier trained in a one-vs-everything fashion.

4. EXPERIMENTS

4.1. Experimental Setup

4.1.1. Dataset & Pre-Processing

DataSets

- ToyADMOS [1]
- MIMII [5]

Same pre-processing as baseline:

4.1.2. Network Architecture

[6]

4.1.3. Training

4.2. Results

Baseline [3]
Fancy table or bar plot containing test results on development set for all submissions.

5. CONCLUSION

not fancy post processing no machine-type specific feature engineering no-ensembling

OEC *easily* beat the unsupervised baseline.

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