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A Denoising Hybrid Model for Anomaly Detection in Trajectory Sequences

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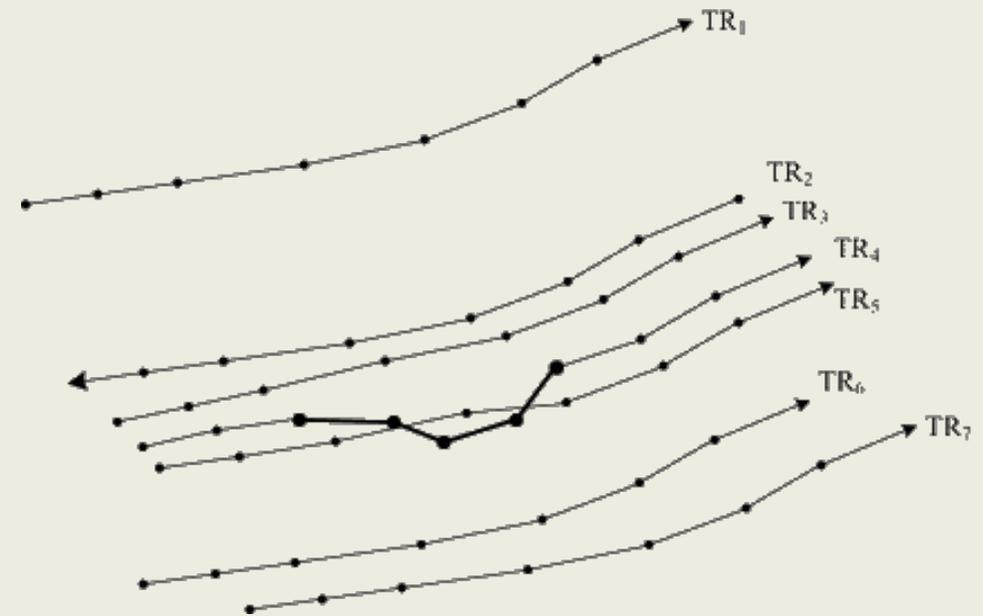
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Applications:

- traffic monitoring and management
- public safety
- surveillance

Related Work

Most trajectory anomaly detection methods rely on [\[Gupta et al., 2013; Bhowmick & Narvekar, 2018\]](#) :

- Distance (trajectories with not many neighbors)
[\[Lee et al., 2008\]](#)
- Density (trajectories with low density)
[\[Fontes et al., 2013\]](#)
- Historical similarity (temporal outlier detection)
[\[Li et al., 2009\]](#)
- Classification (machine learning classification models – e.g. Isolation Forest, Neural Autoencoders)
[\[Zhang et al., 2011; Bouritsas et al., 2019\]](#)

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Our contributions:

- A hybrid architecture: a **sequential denoising autoencoder** with a **density-based** model
- two variants of LSTM autoencoders trained by minimizing a **Haversine distance-based weighted** loss function

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Two variants of denoising LSTM Autoencoders:

- **LSTM**: Encoder → Encoder's output → Copy m times → LSTM decoder → Dense layer → Final output
- **SEQ**: Encoder → Hidden state vector updated at every timestep → LSTM decoder → Dense layer → Final output

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Loss function

$$L_{HVR} = \frac{1}{2|I|} \sum_i \sum_t [(x_i(t) - x_{ir}(t))^2 + (y_i(t) - y_{ir}(t))^2] * w_i$$

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How does LOF work?

- Density-based outlier detection
- Anomalies have much lower local densities than the average of their k nearest neighbors

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Method	Variant	Description	Pattern
DSTRT	DSTRT _c	Complete noise	[0,8,1,7,2,6,3,5,4]
	DSTRT _p	Light noise	[0,1,2,4,3,5,6,7,8]
CYCLE	CYCLE _c	Same route twice	[0,1,2,3,0,1,2,3,4]
	CYCLE _b	Back and forth	[3,4,5,4,3,4,5,4,3]

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Evaluation

- Rank-based
- Trajectories ranked by anomaly factor
 - Autoencoders: rank reconstruction errors (MSE) using AVG or LOF method
 - LOF: rank LOF scores of trajectories
- Artificially generated outliers should be ranked higher
- F1 measure at k=5%

Results

Trajectory Reconstruction

Models	FF	LSTM _m	SEQ _m	LSTM _h	SEQ _h
MSE	8.726*10 ⁻⁶	4.112*10 ⁻⁶	4.968*10 ⁻⁶	3.908*10⁻⁶	4.286*10 ⁻⁶

- Sequential models have better reconstruction ability than FF
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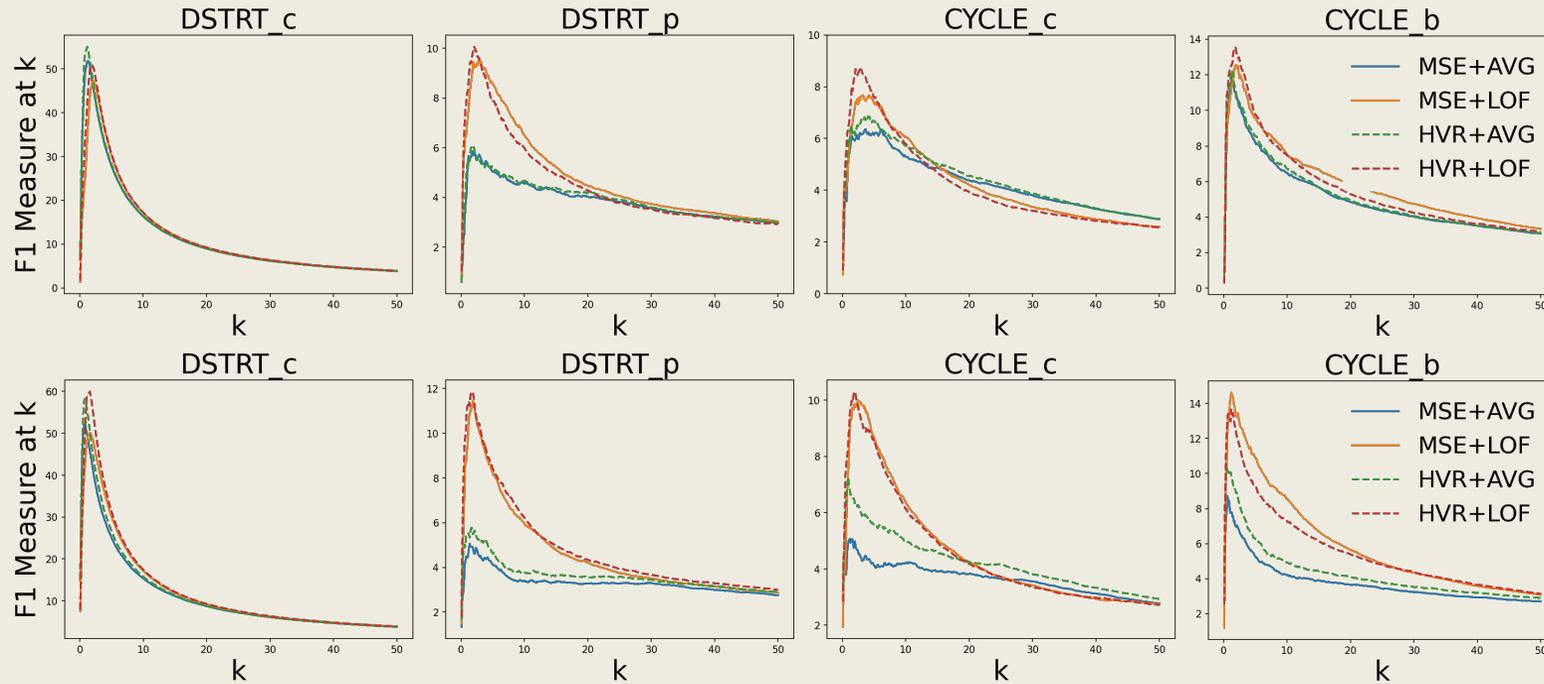
F1 Measure (%)	DSTRT				CYCLE			
	DSTRT _c		DSTRT _p		CYCLE _c		CYCLE _b	
	AVG	LOF	AVG	LOF	AVG	LOF	AVG	LOF
NRR	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.67
LOF	-	28.72	-	4.49	-	7.39	-	7.39
FF	18.30	27.38	2.90	5.88	1.56	5.96	2.87	15.48
LSTM _m	27.88	30.37	5.03	8.59	6.13	7.36	8.18	9.55
SEQ _m	25.14	30.20	4.13	8.23	4.13	8.70	5.25	10.89
LSTM _h	28.18	30.64	5.17	7.88	6.67	7.60	8.54	9.77
SEQ _h	26.70	31.30	4.65	8.43	5.55	8.51	6.26	9.25

- Sequential models outperform FF & LOF in most cases
- The Hybrid architecture (LOF applied on reconstruction errors) improves performance in all autoencoders
- Haversine-weighted function outperforms MSE in 13 of 16 cases

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Variation of F1 measure over k (for LSTM & SEQ models)



➤ The Hybrid architecture HVR+LOF gives better results in most cases than MSE+AVG approach

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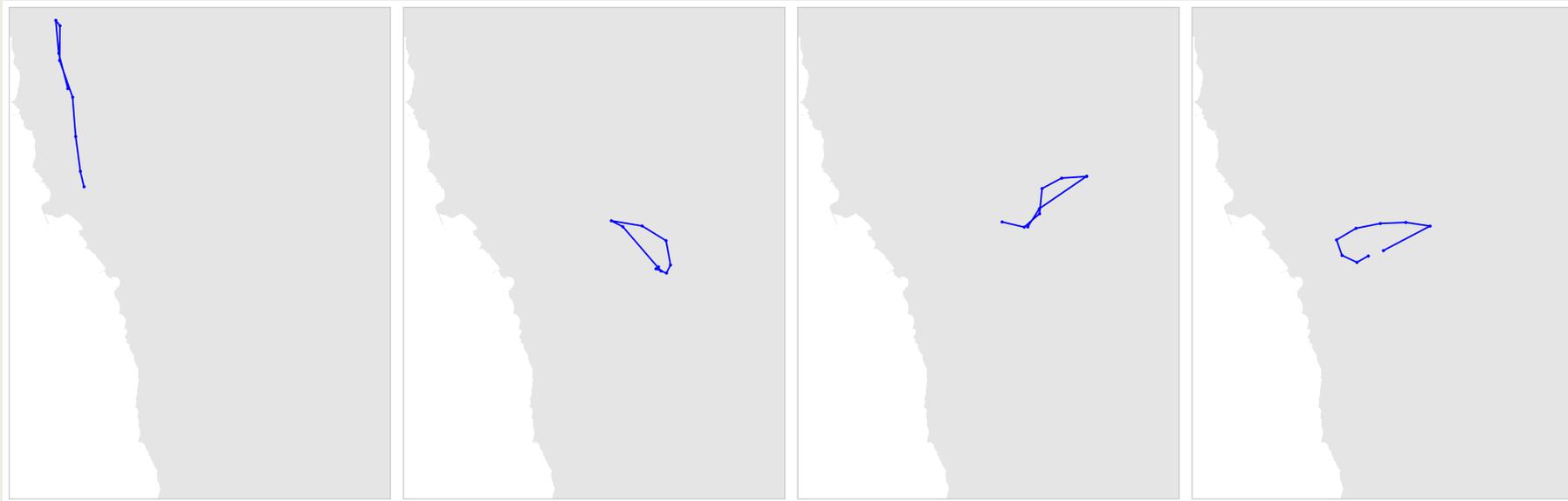
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Models	Accuracy
$SEQ_m + AVG$	9.5%
$SEQ_h + LOF$	51.7%

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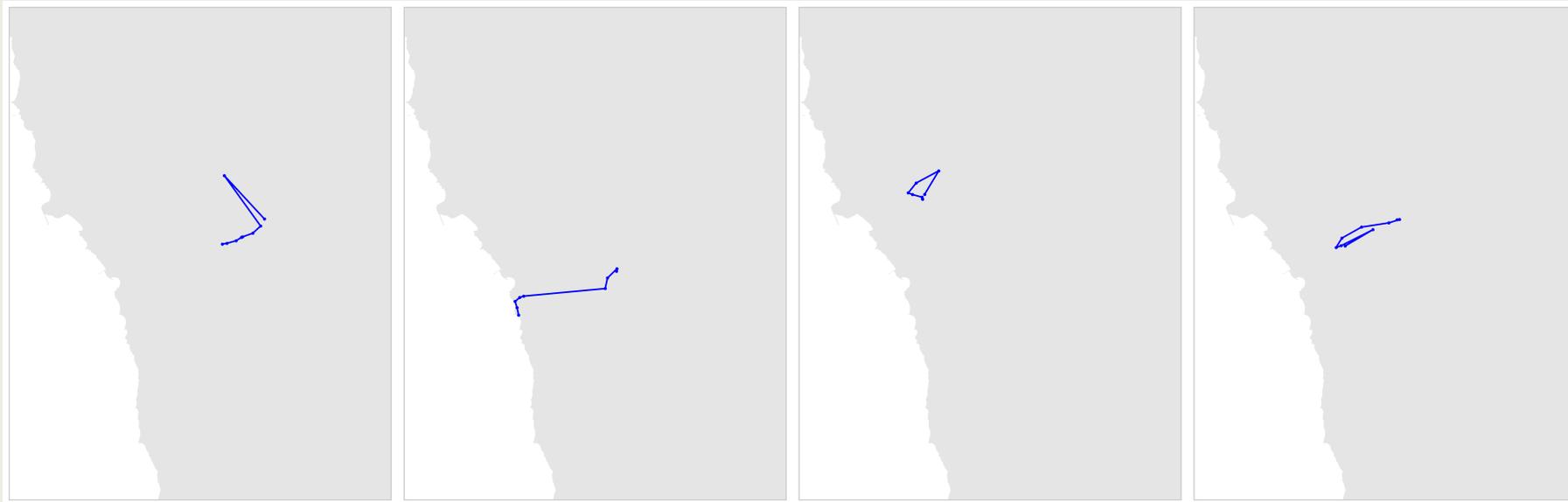
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- Our Hybrid approach captures different patterns of anomalies

Conclusion

Summary

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Future Work

- More datasets (e.g. bike sharing data)
- Annotated real data
- Transfer learning across different datasets

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