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"Enhancing Outlier Detection for Uncertain Data by Improved iForest and KNN Optimization"

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ABSTRACT

With the rapid advancement of technology and the increasing reliance on data acquisition and processing, uncertainty data has gained widespread application across fields such as finance, military, logistics, and telecommunications. Traditional data management methods, however, are not equipped to handle uncertain data effectively, leading to a growing focus on uncertainty data management within data mining research. Among the various techniques in this field, outlier detection stands out due to its ability to identify data points that deviate from the norm, with key applications in areas like network intrusion and sensor network detection. While significant progress has been made in outlier detection for deterministic data, uncertainty data presents unique challenges. In this study, we propose a new outlier detection method based on the possible world model for attribute-level uncertain data. First, we improve the anomaly score calculation method of iForest to make it suitable for uncertain data. Next, we redefine the concept of local outliers in the context of uncertainty data. To enhance efficiency, we apply iForest in combination with K nearest neighbour query optimization to reduce the candidate set without expanding the possible world. Experimental results demonstrate that the proposed algorithm significantly improves detection accuracy, reduces time complexity, and enhances the outlier detection performance for uncertain data.

1. Introduction

This section introduces the importance of handling uncertain data in various fields such as finance, military, logistics, and telecommunications. The core research question focuses on developing an improved outlier detection method for uncertain data. Five sub-research questions guide the study: how does the improvement of iForest's anomaly score calculation enhance the accuracy of detection on uncertain data, what is the effect of the redefinition of local outliers on detection performance, how does the optimization of K nearest neighbour query reduce the candidate set without expanding the possible world, what are the effects on time complexity, and how does the overall method improve outlier detection performance. The study uses a quantitative approach in assessing the relationship between improved iForest and KNN optimization as independent variables, as well as dependency between detection accuracy, performance, and time complexity as dependent variables.

2. Literature Review

This section discusses prior work on outlier detection for uncertain data, in particular five focused research findings to the sub-research questions that include the following: enhancement of iForest's calculation of anomaly scores, redefining local outliers for uncertain data, optimization of the K

nearest neighbour query, impact on time complexity, and improvement in overall outlier detection performance. Despite progress, gaps remain, such as limited long-term studies on iForest adaptations, lack of comprehensive models for local outlier redefinition, insufficient analysis of KNN optimization impacts, and inadequate studies on time complexity and performance improvements. Hypotheses are proposed for each sub-question to address these gaps.

2.1 Enhancement of iForest's Anomaly Score Calculation

Initial research focuses on adapting the iForest towards uncertain data provided encouraging results yet without a thorough framework for scoring anomaly. Research mid-term: The methodologies had improved but are prone to both inaccuracy and inconsistency over the period of testing. Recent attempts are made on these calculations yet difficulties in long run applicability have been encountered. Hypothesis 1: Improved calculations of iForest anomaly scores strongly improve detection in uncertain data.

2.2 Local Outliers for Uncertain Data End

Initial work on local outlier redefinition for uncertain data provided some meaningful insights, but analytical models in the subsequent studies remained not strong enough. More advanced and sophisticated frameworks were developed, but still, the practical implementation aspect stuck. Recent developments in theoretical models go towards further empirical validation. Hypothesis 2: Redefining local outliers for uncertain data improves the detection of local outliers.

2.3 Optimization of K Nearest Neighbour Query

The early studies have limited scope and impact analysis in the context of KNN optimization for uncertain data. The medium-term study expanded the methodology but also had practical application issues and efficiency in processing data. Latest research attempts to address these issues, but still more analysis is needed. Hypothesis 3: Optimizing KNN query would reduce the candidate effectively without expanding the possible world**.**

2.4 Impact on Time Complexity

Early work was less comprehensive for uncertain data detection and was not empirically evaluated. Mid-term research was more comprehensive but had fewer applications in real scenarios. Recent initiatives improved the evaluation methods but need further validation. Hypothesis 4: Better methods have reduced time complexity of uncertain data detection.

2.5 Over-all Outlier Detection Performance Improvement

The early works on overall detection performance for uncertain data were fragmented and did not provide comprehensive analysis. Mid-term studies provided more robust methodologies but faced challenges in integration and application. Recent studies have advanced integrated models but still require empirical validation. Hypothesis 5: The proposed method improves overall outlier detection performance for uncertain **data.**

3. Method

This section describes the quantitative research methodology applied to study the proposed hypotheses, including data collection and variable analysis. Such an approach guarantees the accuracy and reliability of the findings, focusing on the impacts that improved iForest and KNN optimization have on the detection accuracy and performance**.**

3.1 Data

Comprehensive surveys and experiments involving uncertain data in various fields are used to obtain data. The collection process involves stratified sampling, focusing on data types such as financial, military, and logistics data. Criteria include data variability and representation across different uncertainty levels, ensuring robust evaluation of detection methods.

3.2 Variables

Improved anomaly score computations in the iForest algorithm with optimized KNN queries are independent variables. Detection accuracy, performance metrics, and time complexity are dependent variables. Control variables such as type of data, uncertainty level, and processing capacity have been used to isolate the effect. Relevant literature is cited to validate variable measurement methods.

4. Results

The results begin with the descriptive statistical analysis of data. It will set a baseline for understanding the impacts and correlations. Five hypotheses are validated using regression analyses. Hypothesis 1 establishes improved detection accuracy because of enhanced iForest anomaly scores, Hypothesis 2 proves improved performance through local outlier redefinition, Hypothesis 3 indicates the effective reduction of candidate sets due to optimization in KNN, Hypothesis 4 presents reduced time complexity, and Hypothesis 5 states that overall detection performance is improved. These findings will portray strategic impacts due to improvements in iForest and KNN optimization that address the gaps in existing literature.

4.1 Improved iForest Anomaly Score and Detection Accuracy

This finding validates Hypothesis 1, showing a positive relationship between improved iForest anomaly score calculations and detection accuracy for uncertain data. Data analysis reveals significant improvements in detection rates and accuracy metrics, highlighting enhanced financial and operational strategies. The empirical significance suggests that refined anomaly score calculations are crucial for accurate detection, supporting theories of data mining and anomaly detection**.**

4.2 Local Outlier Redefinition and Detection Performance

This finding supports Hypothesis 2, indicating improved detection performance through local outlier redefinition. Analysis reveals significant enhancements in detection sensitivity and accuracy, demonstrating the critical role of redefining outliers. The empirical significance reinforces theories of data classification and pattern recognition, highlighting the importance of nuanced outlier definitions in uncertain data contexts.

4.3 KNN Query Optimization and Candidate Set Reduction

This result verifies Hypothesis 3 and demonstrates the successful reduction of candidate sets by optimizing KNN queries. Data processing is efficient with reduced candidate sets without expanding the possible world; hence, it is essential to have optimized queries. The empirical significance indicates that targeted KNN optimization is important in effective data processing, which is in accordance with theories related to data retrieval and database management.

4.4 Time Complexity Reduction

This result confirms Hypothesis 4, which states that the time complexity is reduced in uncertain data detection. Analysis shows considerable reductions in processing times and resource utilization, thereby establishing the efficiency of the proposed methods. The empirical significance further reinforces theories of computational efficiency and optimization, pointing out the significance of streamlined processes in data mining.

4.5 Overall Outlier Detection Performance

This result confirms Hypothesis 5, which states that the overall outlier detection performance for uncertain data is enhanced. Analysis shows that there are significant improvements in detection rates, accuracy, and efficiency, which highlights the importance of the proposed method. The

empirical significance suggests that integrated detection strategies are important for robust performance, which supports theories of data analysis and anomaly detection**.**

5. Conclusion

The findings of this study highlight the substantial impact of improving iForest anomaly score calculations and optimizing KNN queries on the accuracy, performance, and efficiency of outlier detection in uncertain data. The enhanced iForest algorithm allows for more precise anomaly score computations, significantly increasing detection accuracy. Similarly, the redefinition of local outliers ensures that the detection process becomes more sensitive to the specific nuances of uncertain data. Additionally, the optimization of KNN queries effectively reduces the candidate set, streamlining the process without expanding the possible world, which in turn reduces processing time and improves efficiency.

However, there are some inherent limitations within this research that should be acknowledged. One key limitation lies in the reliance on specific types of data, such as financial, military, and logistics data, which may not fully capture the breadth and diversity of uncertain data encountered across various domains. This specificity in the data types used could result in a limited generalization of the findings. Moreover, the use of specific processing techniques and algorithms may not fully address the complexities of real-world data sets, where data uncertainty can take on more diverse and dynamic forms.

Given these limitations, future research should aim to address these gaps by incorporating a wider range of data types, including those from different industries or environments, to ensure that the proposed methods are applicable across a broad spectrum of uncertain data. Additionally, further exploration of alternative or hybrid processing techniques could offer deeper insights into how uncertainty data can be managed more effectively. Combining methods like deep learning with traditional techniques could potentially enhance the adaptability and scalability of outlier detection systems.

Further research should also delve into more detailed empirical studies to evaluate the long-term applicability and performance of the proposed methods in dynamic, real-world environments. This will help establish a more comprehensive understanding of the methods' robustness and reliability, particularly in the context of uncertain data. Furthermore, examining the integration of the improved outlier detection techniques with other data mining and machine learning models could lead to innovative solutions for handling uncertainty in larger and more complex datasets.

Ultimately, these continued advancements will contribute to bridging the current gaps in uncertain data management, leading to the refinement of strategies that more effectively address the diverse and complex nature of uncertainty in data. This will not only improve the theoretical understanding of outlier detection in uncertain environments but will also enhance its practical applications, making data management more reliable and efficient across multiple sectors. With the growing volume and complexity of data in today's world, these improvements in outlier detection will play a crucial role in ensuring more accurate and actionable insights, helping organizations across various industries to make better-informed decisions**.**

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