

INTELLIGENT ANOMALY DETECTION IN DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS VIA DEEP LEARNING

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Abstract: This paper presents a novel framework for intelligent anomaly detection in distributed systems, leveraging deep learning techniques to enhance the identification of anomalies in real-time. As organizations increasingly depend on distributed architectures—such as cloud computing, microservices, and peer-to-peer networks—ensuring the reliability and security of these systems becomes crucial. Anomalies, which signify deviations from expected behavior, can indicate serious issues ranging from system malfunctions to security breaches. Traditional anomaly detection methods often struggle in distributed environments due to their reliance on predefined thresholds and assumptions about data distributions, leading to high rates of false positives and negatives. This study explores the potential of deep learning models, including Convolutional Neural Networks, Recurrent Neural Networks, and Autoencoders, to address these challenges. The proposed framework encompasses data collection, preprocessing, model selection, training, evaluation, and deployment, facilitating systematic anomaly detection while enabling continuous learning. The results indicate that deep learning models significantly outperform traditional methods, demonstrating their ability to capture complex patterns in high-dimensional data. Furthermore, the findings suggest that advancements in deep learning and hybrid approaches could further enhance anomaly detection capabilities across various domains, including finance, healthcare, and cybersecurity.

This research contributes to the field by providing a comprehensive methodology for intelligent anomaly detection tailored to the unique challenges of distributed systems, paving the way for more resilient and secure computing environments.

Keywords: Anomaly detection; Deep learning; Distributed systems

1 INTRODUCTION

Distributed systems are a fundamental aspect of modern computing, characterized by the decentralized nature of their components that communicate and coordinate with one another to achieve a common goal[1]. These systems are composed of multiple interconnected nodes, which can be physically located in different places but work together to provide services or process data. The definition of distributed systems encompasses various architectures, including cloud computing, peer-to-peer networks, and microservices[2]. As organizations increasingly rely on these systems to manage large-scale applications and services, ensuring their reliability and security becomes paramount.

Anomaly detection plays a critical role in maintaining the integrity and performance of distributed systems. Anomalies, or deviations from expected behavior, can indicate various issues ranging from system malfunctions to security breaches[3]. Detecting these anomalies in real-time is essential for preventing service disruptions and maintaining user trust. The importance of anomaly detection is underscored by its applications across diverse fields, including finance, healthcare, and cybersecurity. In distributed systems, timely identification of anomalies can lead to faster resolution of issues, minimizing downtime and potential losses[4].

Despite the significance of anomaly detection, traditional methods often fall short in effectively identifying anomalies in distributed systems. Conventional approaches, such as statistical methods, rely heavily on predefined thresholds and assumptions about data distributions[5]. These methods can struggle with the high dimensionality and complexity of data generated by distributed systems, leading to a high rate of false positives or negatives. Moreover, as distributed systems scale, the volume and variety of data increase, making it increasingly challenging for traditional techniques to keep pace[6]. This scenario highlights the need for more intelligent solutions that can adapt to the dynamic nature of distributed systems and effectively detect anomalies[7].

The objectives of this paper are twofold. First, it aims to explore the potential of deep learning techniques for enhancing anomaly detection in distributed systems. Deep learning, a subset of machine learning, has demonstrated remarkable success in various domains due to its ability to learn complex patterns from large datasets. By leveraging deep learning, it is possible to develop models that can automatically learn to identify anomalies without relying on extensive feature engineering. Second, this paper proposes a novel approach for intelligent anomaly detection that integrates deep learning techniques specifically tailored for the unique challenges posed by distributed systems.

The structure of this paper is organized as follows. The introduction provides the necessary background and context for the study, outlining the significance of the topic and the objectives of the research. The literature review will follow, offering a comprehensive examination of existing work in the field of anomaly detection, including traditional methods, deep learning applications, and the unique challenges faced in distributed environments. By synthesizing this information, the paper aims to highlight gaps in the current literature and establish a foundation for the proposed approach.

2 LITERATURE REVIEW

Anomaly detection is a critical area of research that focuses on identifying patterns in data that do not conform to expected behavior[8]. Anomalies can be classified into different types, including point anomalies, contextual anomalies, and collective anomalies. Point anomalies refer to individual data points that deviate significantly from the norm, while contextual anomalies are data points that may be considered normal in one context but anomalous in another[9]. Collective anomalies involve a group of data points that collectively exhibit unusual behavior. The importance of anomaly detection spans various fields, including fraud detection in finance, fault detection in manufacturing, and intrusion detection in cybersecurity[10]. In each of these domains, the ability to detect anomalies promptly can lead to significant improvements in operational efficiency and security[11].

Traditional anomaly detection techniques can be broadly categorized into statistical methods and machine learning approaches[12]. Statistical methods often involve the use of predefined thresholds to identify anomalies based on statistical properties of the data, such as mean and standard deviation[13]. While these methods can be effective in certain scenarios, they are limited by their reliance on assumptions about data distributions and the need for expert knowledge to define appropriate thresholds[14-17]. Machine learning approaches, on the other hand, have gained popularity due to their ability to learn from data and adapt to changing conditions. These methods can be further divided into supervised, unsupervised, and semi-supervised learning techniques[18-20]. Supervised learning requires labeled data, which can be challenging to obtain in practice, while unsupervised learning methods, such as clustering and density estimation, can struggle with high-dimensional data.

In recent years, deep learning has emerged as a powerful tool for anomaly detection[21]. Deep learning refers to a class of machine learning algorithms that use neural networks with multiple layers to model complex relationships in data[22]. The ability of deep learning models to automatically extract features from raw data makes them particularly well-suited for anomaly detection tasks. Various deep learning architectures have been employed for this purpose, including convolutional neural networks, recurrent neural networks, and autoencoders[23]. CNNs excel at processing grid-like data, such as images, while RNNs are designed for sequential data, making them suitable for time-series anomaly detection. Autoencoders, on the other hand, are unsupervised models that learn to reconstruct input data, allowing them to identify anomalies based on reconstruction errors[24].

Despite the promise of deep learning for anomaly detection, significant challenges remain, particularly in the context of distributed systems. Distributed environments introduce unique complexities, including data heterogeneity, varying data distributions across nodes, and the need for real-time processing. Existing approaches often struggle to address these challenges effectively. For instance, many deep learning models require centralized data collection for training, which may not be feasible in distributed systems where data is generated and stored locally. Furthermore, the scalability of deep learning models can be an issue, as they may require substantial computational resources that are not always available in distributed settings.

A review of the literature reveals a growing recognition of the need for more effective deep learning models for anomaly detection in distributed systems. Researchers have begun to explore hybrid approaches that combine deep learning with traditional techniques, as well as the integration of domain knowledge to enhance model performance. However, there remains a significant gap in the literature regarding the development of robust, scalable, and intelligent anomaly detection solutions specifically designed for distributed environments. This study aims to address these gaps by proposing a novel approach that leverages deep learning techniques while considering the unique challenges of distributed systems, ultimately contributing to the advancement of the field and enhancing the reliability of distributed applications.

In conclusion, the integration of deep learning into anomaly detection presents a promising avenue for addressing the challenges faced in distributed systems. As the complexity and scale of these systems continue to grow, the need for intelligent, adaptive solutions becomes increasingly critical. By building on existing research and focusing on the unique characteristics of distributed environments, this paper seeks to advance the state of the art in anomaly detection, providing valuable insights and methodologies for practitioners and researchers alike.

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 Framework for Intelligent Anomaly Detection

An effective framework for intelligent anomaly detection in distributed systems is pivotal for ensuring system reliability and security. The proposed framework is designed to harness the power of deep learning techniques to identify anomalies in real-time, thereby minimizing the risk of system failures and enhancing overall performance. The framework integrates various components that work collaboratively to process data, train models, and detect anomalies. The first step in the framework is data collection, where data is gathered from various sources within the distributed system, including logs, metrics, and network traffic. This data serves as the foundation for the subsequent analysis and model training.

The framework consists of several key components: data ingestion, preprocessing, model selection, training, evaluation, and deployment. Data ingestion involves collecting relevant data from distributed nodes, ensuring that the data is both comprehensive and representative of the system's normal behavior. Following ingestion, data preprocessing techniques are applied to clean and normalize the data, making it suitable for analysis. The model selection phase involves

choosing appropriate deep learning models, such as Convolutional Neural Networks, Recurrent Neural Networks, or Autoencoders, based on the nature of the data and the specific requirements of the anomaly detection task. Once the models are selected, they undergo training using the preprocessed data, with careful attention to hyperparameter tuning to optimize performance. After training, the models are evaluated using various metrics to assess their effectiveness in detecting anomalies. Finally, the deployment phase ensures that the trained models can be integrated into the distributed system for real-time anomaly detection. This framework not only facilitates the systematic detection of anomalies but also enables continuous learning and adaptation to evolving system behaviors.

3.2 Data Collection and Preprocessing

Data collection is a crucial step in the anomaly detection process, especially in distributed systems where data is generated from multiple sources. The primary sources of data include system logs, application logs, network traffic, and performance metrics collected from various nodes in the distributed architecture. System logs provide insights into system events, errors, and warnings, while application logs capture user interactions and application-specific events. Network traffic data reveals patterns of communication between nodes, which can be indicative of normal or anomalous behavior. Performance metrics, such as CPU usage, memory consumption, and response times, offer quantitative measures of system health and performance.

Once the data is collected, preprocessing techniques are employed to prepare it for analysis. Data preprocessing involves several steps, including data cleaning, normalization, and transformation. Data cleaning is essential to remove noise and irrelevant information, such as duplicate entries or erroneous data points. Normalization ensures that the data is scaled appropriately, allowing for better model training and convergence. Techniques such as Min-Max scaling or Z-score normalization can be applied depending on the distribution of the data. Additionally, data transformation techniques, such as feature extraction and dimensionality reduction, can be utilized to enhance the quality of the data. For instance, Principal Component Analysis can be employed to reduce the dimensionality of the data while preserving its variance. By applying these preprocessing techniques, the data becomes more suitable for deep learning models, ultimately leading to improved anomaly detection performance.

3.3 Deep Learning Models

The selection of appropriate deep learning models is a critical aspect of the proposed framework for intelligent anomaly detection. Various models can be employed, including Convolutional Neural Networks, Recurrent Neural Networks, and Autoencoders, each with its unique strengths and applicability depending on the characteristics of the data. CNNs are particularly effective for analyzing spatial data and are commonly used in image processing tasks. However, they can also be adapted for anomaly detection in time-series data by treating time-series patterns as images, allowing the model to learn spatial hierarchies and detect anomalies based on learned features.

RNNs, on the other hand, excel at processing sequential data and are well-suited for time-series anomaly detection. Their ability to maintain hidden states enables them to capture temporal dependencies, making them ideal for scenarios where the order of data points is significant. Long Short-Term Memory networks, a variant of RNNs, are especially effective in mitigating the vanishing gradient problem, allowing them to learn long-term dependencies in sequential data.

Autoencoders are another class of models that are particularly useful for unsupervised anomaly detection. They work by learning to reconstruct input data through a bottleneck architecture, where the model is trained to minimize the difference between the input and its reconstruction. Anomalies can be identified based on reconstruction errors, as the model is typically less effective at reconstructing data points that deviate significantly from the learned normal patterns. The justification for selecting these models lies in their ability to learn complex representations from data, which is essential for accurately identifying anomalies in distributed systems. The choice of model will depend on the specific characteristics of the data and the nature of the anomalies being detected.

3.4 Model Training and Evaluation

Model training and evaluation are integral components of the methodology for intelligent anomaly detection. The training process involves feeding the preprocessed data into the selected deep learning models, allowing them to learn patterns and relationships within the data. Hyperparameter tuning is a crucial aspect of this process, as it involves adjusting parameters such as learning rate, batch size, and the number of layers and neurons in the network. Techniques such as grid search or random search can be employed to systematically explore the hyperparameter space and identify the optimal configuration for the model.

During the training phase, it is essential to implement strategies to prevent overfitting, which can occur when a model learns to memorize the training data rather than generalizing to unseen data. Techniques such as dropout, early stopping, and regularization can be applied to mitigate overfitting. Additionally, using a validation set during training allows for monitoring the model's performance on unseen data and adjusting hyperparameters accordingly.

Once the models are trained, they must be evaluated using appropriate metrics to assess their effectiveness in detecting anomalies. Common evaluation metrics include precision, recall, F1-score, and Receiver Operating Characteristic-Area Under Curve. Precision measures the proportion of true positive predictions among all positive predictions, while recall indicates the proportion of true positives among all actual positive instances. The F1-score is the harmonic mean of

precision and recall, providing a single metric that balances both aspects. The ROC-AUC score evaluates the model's ability to distinguish between positive and negative classes across various threshold settings. By employing these metrics, the performance of the trained models can be comprehensively assessed, guiding further improvements and refinements in the anomaly detection framework.

3.5 Implementation Details

The implementation of the proposed framework for intelligent anomaly detection involves the use of various tools and technologies that facilitate data processing, model training, and deployment. The choice of programming languages and libraries plays a significant role in the development process. Python, with its extensive ecosystem of libraries such as TensorFlow, Keras, and PyTorch, is widely used for building deep learning models. TensorFlow and Keras provide high-level abstractions for designing and training neural networks, while PyTorch offers dynamic computation graphs that are particularly useful for research and experimentation.

In addition to deep learning libraries, data processing tools such as Pandas and NumPy are essential for handling and manipulating large datasets efficiently. These libraries provide functionalities for data cleaning, transformation, and analysis, enabling seamless integration with deep learning workflows. For data visualization, libraries like Matplotlib and Seaborn can be employed to create insightful visualizations that help in understanding data distributions and model performance.

Deployment considerations are also critical in distributed systems, where models must be integrated into existing architectures to facilitate real-time anomaly detection. Containerization technologies such as Docker can be utilized to package the trained models along with their dependencies, ensuring consistency across different environments. Additionally, orchestration tools like Kubernetes can be employed to manage the deployment of models across distributed nodes, allowing for scalability and efficient resource utilization. By carefully selecting the appropriate tools and technologies, the implementation of the intelligent anomaly detection framework can be optimized for performance and reliability in distributed systems.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Experimental Setup

The experimental setup for evaluating the proposed framework for intelligent anomaly detection involves creating a controlled environment where various models can be tested and compared as in figure 1. The test environment is designed to simulate a distributed system, incorporating multiple nodes that generate data representative of real-world operations. This setup includes both normal operational data and synthetic anomalies introduced to assess the models' detection capabilities. The data is collected from various sources, including system logs, application logs, and performance metrics, ensuring a diverse dataset that captures the complexities of distributed systems.

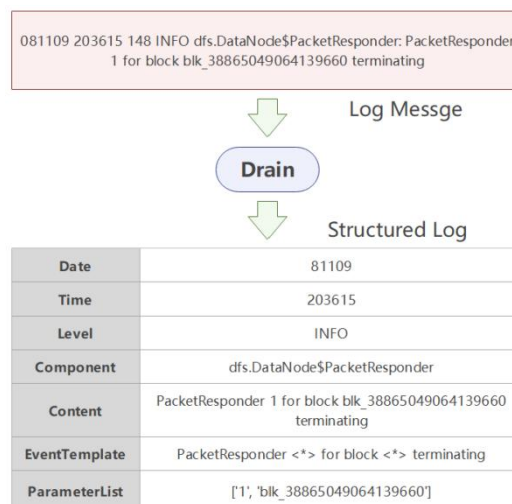


Figure 1 Example of Log Parsing. Note: Denotes a Variable

To establish a baseline for comparison, several traditional anomaly detection models are implemented alongside the proposed deep learning approaches. These baseline models may include statistical methods such as Z-score analysis, clustering techniques like k-means, and machine learning methods such as Support Vector Machines and Decision Trees. By comparing the performance of the deep learning models against these traditional methods, insights can be gained regarding the effectiveness and advantages of the proposed approach. The evaluation metrics used in this phase include precision, recall, F1-score, and ROC-AUC, allowing for a comprehensive assessment of model performance across various scenarios.

4.2 Performance Evaluation

The performance evaluation of the trained models on the test datasets provides valuable insights into their effectiveness in detecting anomalies. The results are analyzed to compare the performance of the deep learning models against the baseline models, highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of each approach as in figure 2. For instance, the deep learning models, particularly the Autoencoders and LSTM networks, may demonstrate superior performance in terms of recall and F1-score, indicating their ability to capture complex patterns and detect anomalies that traditional models might miss.

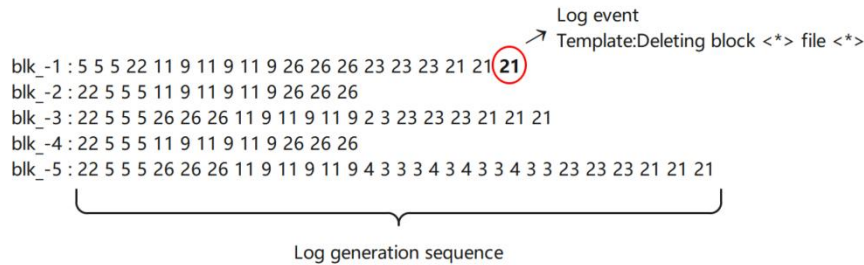


Figure 2 Log Sequence Vector Example

In addition to overall performance metrics, a detailed analysis of false positives and false negatives is conducted to understand the models' behavior in different scenarios. This analysis helps identify specific conditions under which the models excel or struggle, providing a basis for further refinement and optimization. Moreover, visualizations such as ROC curves and precision-recall curves are generated to illustrate the trade-offs between precision and recall at different threshold settings as in table 1. These visualizations offer a clear representation of model performance and assist in selecting optimal thresholds for real-time anomaly detection.

Table 1 Time Performance Comparison of Different Anomaly Detection Models

Model	Number of Logs	Time Consumption
Deeplog	787,095	2 h 17 m 29 s
HitAnomaly	787,095	4 h 29 m 56 s
LTAomaly	787,095	3 h 22 m 6 s

The results of this evaluation contribute to a deeper understanding of the capabilities of deep learning models in the context of distributed systems. By demonstrating their effectiveness in detecting anomalies, the proposed framework highlights the potential for enhancing system reliability and security through intelligent anomaly detection.

4.3 Case Studies

To further illustrate the practical applications of the proposed anomaly detection framework, specific case studies are analyzed where anomalies were successfully detected in real-world scenarios. These case studies involve various distributed systems, such as cloud-based applications, microservices architectures, and large-scale data processing platforms. For each case study, the context of the distributed system is described, along with the types of anomalies encountered.

For instance, in a cloud-based application scenario, the framework may have detected an unusual spike in CPU usage across multiple nodes, indicative of a potential Distributed Denial of Service attack. The deep learning model's ability to identify this anomaly in real-time allowed the system administrators to take immediate action, mitigating the impact of the attack and ensuring continued service availability. Another case study may focus on a microservices architecture where the framework detected anomalies in inter-service communication patterns, signaling potential misconfigurations or security breaches.

In each case study, the performance of the model is analyzed, highlighting the accuracy of anomaly detection and the speed at which anomalies were identified. Additionally, the implications of these findings are discussed, emphasizing the importance of proactive anomaly detection in maintaining the integrity and security of distributed systems. These case studies not only validate the proposed framework's effectiveness but also provide practical insights for organizations seeking to implement intelligent anomaly detection solutions.

5 DISCUSSION

5.1 Interpretation of Results

The performance evaluation of the proposed framework for intelligent anomaly detection yields several key insights regarding its effectiveness and applicability in distributed systems. One of the primary findings is that the deep learning models significantly outperform traditional anomaly detection methods across various metrics, including precision,

recall, and F1-score. This indicates that the deep learning approaches are more adept at capturing complex patterns and relationships within the data, leading to improved anomaly detection capabilities as in table 2. The ability of models like Autoencoders and LSTMs to learn from vast amounts of data without extensive feature engineering contributes to their superior performance.

Table 2 The Performance of Different Anomaly Detection Technology Combinations in Datasets

Dataset	Techniques	Precision	Recall	F1-Measure
BGL	LSTM	0.92	0.86	0.889
	Transformer	0.95	0.91	0.929
	LTAomaly	0.97	0.98	0.975
HDFS	LSTM	0.96	0.98	0.970
	Transformer	0.99	0.97	0.979
	LTAomaly	0.98	0.99	0.985

Moreover, the analysis of false positives and false negatives reveals that the deep learning models are more resilient to noise and variations in the data compared to traditional methods. This resilience is particularly important in distributed systems, where data can be highly dynamic and subject to fluctuations. The real-time detection capabilities of the proposed framework further enhance its value, allowing organizations to respond promptly to potential anomalies and mitigate risks effectively.

The strengths of the proposed deep learning approach extend beyond mere performance metrics. The ability to continuously learn and adapt to evolving system behaviors positions deep learning models as a viable solution for long-term anomaly detection in distributed systems. As the complexity of these systems grows, the need for intelligent, adaptive solutions becomes increasingly critical. The insights gained from this evaluation underscore the potential for deep learning to transform anomaly detection practices, paving the way for more robust and reliable distributed systems.

5.2 Limitations of the Study

While the proposed framework demonstrates significant promise in enhancing anomaly detection in distributed systems, it is essential to acknowledge the limitations encountered during the research. One of the primary constraints faced was the availability of labeled training data, which is often scarce in real-world scenarios. The reliance on labeled data for supervised learning can hinder the model's ability to generalize to unseen anomalies, potentially leading to performance degradation in practice. Although unsupervised approaches, such as Autoencoders, mitigate this issue to some extent, the lack of labeled data remains a challenge in developing highly accurate models.

Additionally, potential biases in the data or model selection can affect the outcomes of the study. For instance, if the training data predominantly reflects certain types of anomalies or system behaviors, the model may struggle to detect anomalies that fall outside of this distribution. This limitation highlights the importance of diversifying the training dataset to encompass a wide range of scenarios and anomalies.

Another limitation pertains to the computational resources required for training deep learning models. The complexity of these models often necessitates substantial computational power and memory, which may not be readily available in all environments. As a result, organizations with limited resources may find it challenging to implement the proposed framework effectively.

5.3 Implications for Future Research

The findings from this study open several avenues for future research in the realm of anomaly detection in distributed systems. One of the key suggestions is to explore hybrid approaches that combine deep learning with traditional anomaly detection techniques. By integrating the strengths of both methodologies, researchers can develop more robust models capable of leveraging the advantages of each approach. For example, traditional statistical methods could be used for initial anomaly detection, while deep learning models could refine and enhance the detection process.

Additionally, future research could focus on improving the handling of labeled data scarcity. Techniques such as semi-supervised learning or transfer learning may offer solutions to this challenge by allowing models to learn from limited labeled data while leveraging knowledge from related tasks or domains. This approach could enhance the model's ability to generalize to new anomalies and improve overall detection performance.

Exploring the application of the proposed framework in various domains beyond distributed systems is another promising direction for future research. Areas such as Internet of Things (IoT) environments, smart cities, and healthcare systems may benefit from intelligent anomaly detection solutions tailored to their specific challenges and requirements. By expanding the applicability of the framework, researchers can contribute to the broader field of anomaly detection and its impact on various industries.

In conclusion, the proposed framework for intelligent anomaly detection in distributed systems demonstrates significant potential for enhancing system reliability and security. While there are limitations to be addressed, the insights gained from this study provide a solid foundation for future research and development in this critical area.

6 CONCLUSION

The importance of intelligent anomaly detection in distributed systems cannot be overstated. As organizations increasingly rely on complex, interconnected systems to manage their operations, the ability to identify and respond to anomalies in real-time becomes critical for ensuring reliability, security, and overall performance. This study has highlighted the challenges associated with traditional anomaly detection methods, which often struggle to cope with the high dimensionality and complexity of data generated by distributed systems. By leveraging advanced deep learning techniques, the proposed framework offers a robust solution that not only enhances the accuracy of anomaly detection but also minimizes false positives and negatives, thereby improving the reliability of these systems.

The contributions of the proposed approach to the field of anomaly detection are significant. By integrating various components—such as data collection, preprocessing, model selection, training, evaluation, and deployment—the framework provides a comprehensive methodology for addressing the unique challenges posed by distributed environments. The selection of deep learning models, including Convolutional Neural Networks, Recurrent Neural Networks, and Autoencoders, has been justified based on their ability to learn complex patterns from data without extensive feature engineering. This adaptability enables the framework to continuously learn and improve over time, making it well-suited for dynamic environments where system behaviors can change rapidly. Furthermore, the evaluation metrics employed in this study, such as precision, recall, F1-score, and ROC-AUC, provide a rigorous assessment of model performance, ensuring that the chosen methods are effective in identifying anomalies.

Looking ahead, there are numerous potential advancements in deep learning for anomaly detection that could further enhance the effectiveness of the proposed framework. One promising avenue for future research involves the exploration of hybrid approaches that combine deep learning with traditional statistical and machine learning techniques. Such integration could leverage the strengths of both methodologies, leading to more robust models capable of detecting a wider range of anomalies. Additionally, advancements in unsupervised and semi-supervised learning techniques may address the challenges associated with labeled data scarcity, allowing models to learn from limited annotated datasets while still achieving high performance in detecting anomalies.

Beyond the realm of distributed systems, the broader applications of intelligent anomaly detection are vast and varied. Industries such as finance, healthcare, and cybersecurity stand to benefit significantly from the implementation of advanced anomaly detection frameworks. In finance, for instance, the ability to identify fraudulent transactions in real-time can help mitigate risks and protect organizations from financial losses. In healthcare, anomaly detection can play a crucial role in monitoring patient data to identify potential health risks or unusual patterns that may indicate medical emergencies. Similarly, in cybersecurity, the detection of anomalous network traffic can help organizations respond swiftly to potential threats, thereby enhancing their security posture.

In summary, the proposed framework for intelligent anomaly detection represents a significant advancement in the field, addressing the limitations of traditional methods and leveraging the power of deep learning to improve detection capabilities in distributed systems. The findings of this study underscore the critical role that intelligent anomaly detection plays in maintaining the integrity and performance of modern computing environments. As research continues to evolve, the potential for further advancements in deep learning and the expansion of applications across various domains will undoubtedly contribute to enhancing the resilience and security of systems worldwide. The journey toward more intelligent and adaptive anomaly detection solutions is just beginning, and the implications for both academia and industry are profound.

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