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## Hybrid Anomaly Detection Framework for Kubernetes Environments

### **1** Introduction

The configuration manual of this project elaborates the comprehensive outline of this research project coving the configurations on which this project builds upon along with implementations steps, where hybrid model which employs LSTM, custom attention layer and Transformer network have been trained using both traditional and meta learning (MAML) methods on the preprocess dimensionality reduced data done by PCA and Autoencoders. This exhaustive manual comprises of all datasets been used, with the corresponding code and respective functionalities.

### 2 Configurations

### 2.1 Hardware

This project have employed Google Colab notebook to develop anomaly detection model for K8s.

- System Architecture: TPU
- TPU version : 2.8
- TPU Cores : 8
- Processor: Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU @ 2.00GHz
- RAM : 334.6 GB (This project used up to 15GB)
- Disk: 225.3 GB

#### 2.2 Software/Libraries

Below libraries have been used of Python to perform this research:

- Pandas 2.2.2
- Numpy 1.26.4
- Matplotlib 3.8
- Seaborn 0.13.2
- TensorFlow 2.15
- Imblearn 0.12.4
- Sklearn 1.5.2

### **3** Implementation

In this section, implementation steps have been elaborated with respective code snippets. In this study, I have used 2 datasets : Kubernetes based dataset () and NSL KDD (). I have performed below table 1 on Kubernetes based datasets and table 2 for NSL KDD dataset.

Feature Reduction Techniques	Training Methods			
PCA	MAML			
PCA	Traditional			
Autoencoders	MAML			
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Table 1 : Experiments on Kubernetes dataset				

Feature Reduction Techniques	Training Methods
Autoencoders	MAML
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Table 2: Experiments on NSL KDD dataset

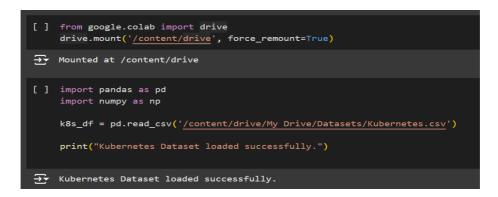
Below are the steps that have been followed to conduct above experiments.

#### **3.1 Using Kubernetes dataset**

Step 1: Open Google Colab notebook and connect with TPU v2.8 runtime resource.

Step 2: Download the data from Kaggle (Link) and upload on the google drive.

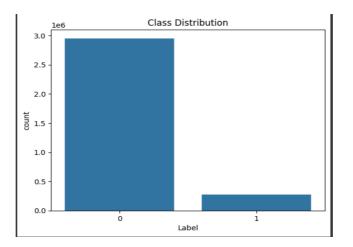
**Step 3:** Connect the notebook with the google drive where dataset has been saved. Import the NumPy and Pandas libraries in Colab notebook to load the dataset.

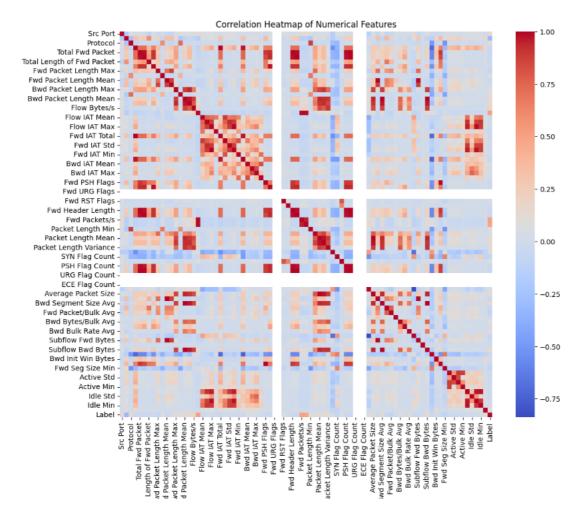


**Step 4:** Data Pre-processing has been performed on the dataset, starting with label encoding into binary.

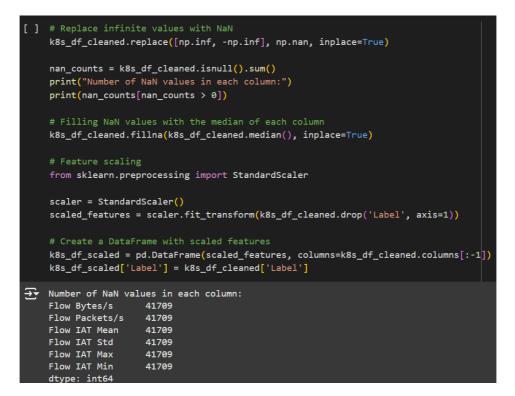


**Step 5:** Data have been explored with the help of visualization tools. Class distribution, correlation heatmap among others have been examined to understand the data.

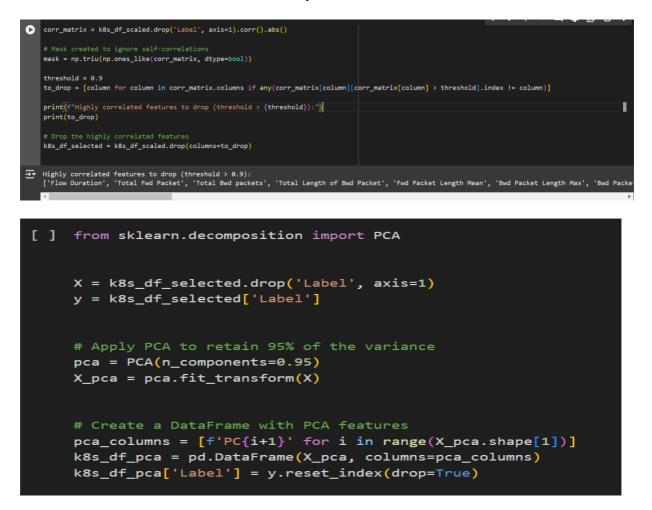




**Step 6:** Handling the infinite values in the dataset to clean the dataset before normalizing the data using StandardScaler. The scaled dataset have been saved for further processing.

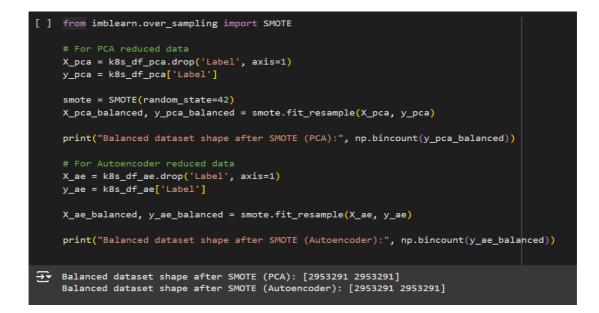


**Step 7:** After data has been pre-processed, high correlation features have been dropped to avoid redundancy, reduce computation overhead and improve PCA and Autoencoders results which were used to reduce the dimensionality of the dataset.

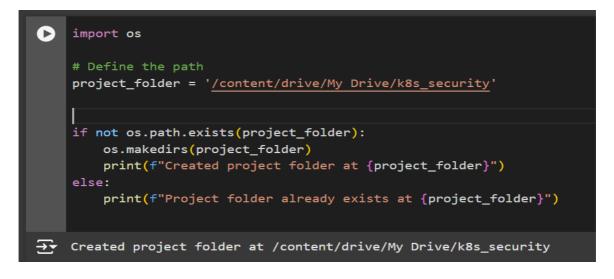


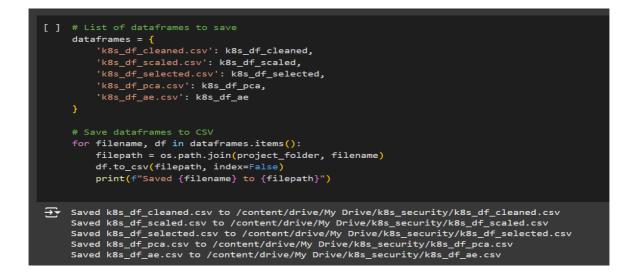
```
[ ] import tensorflow as tf
    from tensorflow.keras.layers import Input, Dense
    from tensorflow.keras.models import Model
    from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import EarlyStopping
    # Define the size of the encoding dimension
    encoding_dim = 10
    input_data = Input(shape=(X.shape[1],))
    encoded = Dense(encoding_dim, activation='relu')(input_data)
    decoded = Dense(X.shape[1], activation='sigmoid')(encoded)
    autoencoder = Model(input_data, decoded)
    autoencoder.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mean_squared_error')
    early_stopping = EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', patience=5, restore_best_weights=True)
    # Train the model
    autoencoder.fit(X, X,
                    epochs=100,
                    batch_size=256,
                    shuffle=True,
                    callbacks=[early_stopping],
                    validation_split=0.2)
    # Extract the encoder to get reduced features
    encoder = Model(input data, encoded)
    X_autoencoder = encoder.predict(X)
    ae_columns = [f'AE{i+1}' for i in range(X_autoencoder.shape[1])]
    k8s_df_ae = pd.DataFrame(X_autoencoder, columns=ae_columns)
    k8s_df_ae['Label'] = y.reset_index(drop=True)
```

**Step 8:** Once the features have been reduced using above techniques, data balancing have been done using SMOTE, to balance the benign and anomaly label data for enhancing the efficiency of training the hybrid model. Synthetic data has been generated for oversampling of 'Anomaly' label data. It is done after feature engineering so that it does have to generate synthetic data for all columns, which will make it more computationally exhaustive. It is done for both PCA based data as well as Autoencoder based data.

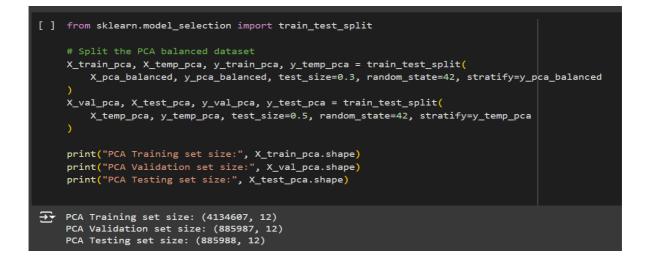


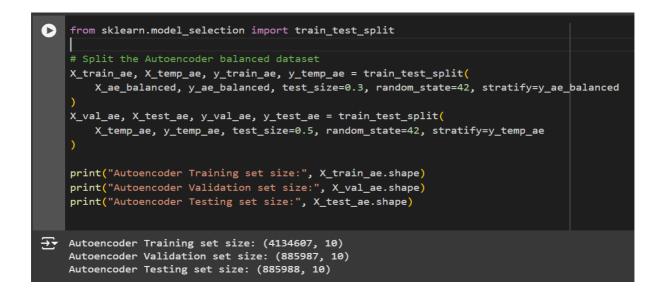
**Step 9:** Once all the pre-processing has been done and features have been reduced, which is now ready for training the model. All the data frames have been saved in google drive to avoid repeating the same process again and again.





**Step 10:** Splitting both PCA and Autoencoder based data into train, validation and test data with 70:15:15.





**Step 11:** Now hybrid model has been defined which uses LSTM, custom attention layer and transformer network, where LSTM used for capturing temporal dependency over series data and pass it over to custom attention layer to focus more important data points by using trainable weights and biases along with context vector. This will emphasize the important time steps before feeding it further to transformer model.

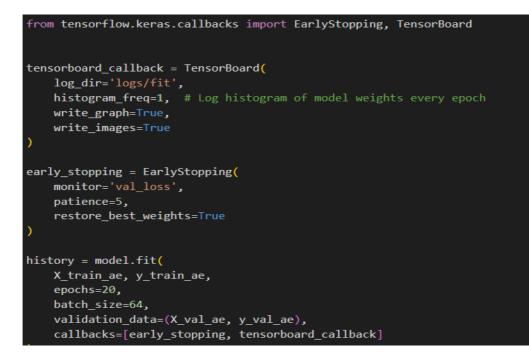
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def transformer_encoder(inputs, num_heads, dff, d_model):
   attention_output = MultiHeadAttention(num_heads=num_heads, key_dim=d_model)(inputs, inputs)
   attention_output = Add()([inputs, attention_output])
   attention_output = LayerNormalization(epsilon=1e-6)(attention_output)
   ffn_output = Dense(dff, activation='relu')(attention_output)
   ffn_output = Dense(d_model)(ffn_output)
   ffn_output = Add()([attention_output, ffn_output])
   ffn_output = LayerNormalization(epsilon=1e-6)(ffn_output)
   return ffn output
def create_anomaly_detection_model(input_shape):
   input_layer = Input(shape=input_shape)
   lstm_out = LSTM(64, return_sequences=True)(input_layer)
   attention_out = Attention()(lstm_out)
   dropout_out = Dropout(0.2)(attention_out)
   transformer_out = transformer_encoder(tf.expand_dims(dropout_out, axis=1), num_heads=4, dff=128, d_model=64)
   transformer_out = Flatten()(transformer_out)
   output_layer = Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')(transformer_out)
   model = Model(inputs=input layer, outputs=output layer)
   return model
model = create_anomaly_detection_model((1, X_train_ae.shape[2]))
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
# Transformer encoder block
def transformer_encoder(inputs, num_heads, dff, d_model):
   attention_output = MultiHeadAttention(num_heads=num_heads, key_dim=d_model)(inputs, inputs)
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   transformer_out = Flatten()(transformer_out)
   output layer = Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')(transformer out)
   model = Model(inputs=input_layer, outputs=output_layer)
   return model
model = create_anomaly_detection_model((1, X_train_ae.shape[2]))
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
```

Below is the hybrid model summary which has shown each layer along with its parameters and it connection within the model.

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #	Connected to
input_layer (InputLayer)	(None, 1, 10)	0	-
lstm (LSTM)	(None, 1, 64)	19,200	input_layer[0][0]
attention (Attention)	(None, 64)	65	lstm[0][0]
expand_dims_layer (ExpandDimsLayer)	(None, 1, 64)	0	attention[0][0]
<pre>multi_head_attention (MultiHeadAttention)</pre>	(None, 1, 64)	66,368	expand_dims_layer[0][… expand_dims_layer[0][…
add (Add)	(None, 1, 64)	0	expand_dims_layer[0][ multi_head_attention[
layer_normalization (LayerNormalization)	(None, 1, 64)	128	add[0][0]
dense (Dense)	(None, 1, 128)	8,320	layer_normalization[0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 1, 64)	8,256	dense[0][0]
add_1 (Add)	(None, 1, 64)	9	layer_normalization[0… dense_1[0][0]
layer_normalization_1 (LayerNormalization)	(None, 1, 64)	128	add_1[0][0]
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 64)	0	layer_normalization_1
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 1)	65	flatten[0][0]

**Step 12:** Once hybrid model has been defined, now it has to be trained using traditional method and meta learning via MAML. Both training methods have been trained on both PCA and Autoencoders based extracted data.

**Step 13:** In the below code snippets the model has been trained with traditional model on both PCA and Autoencoders based data.

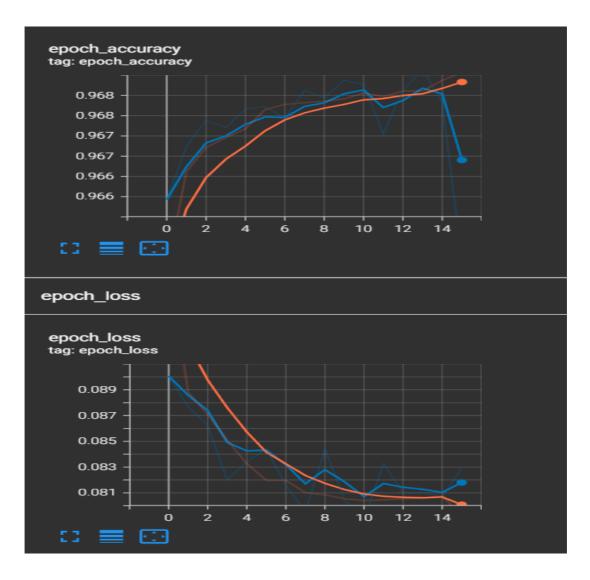


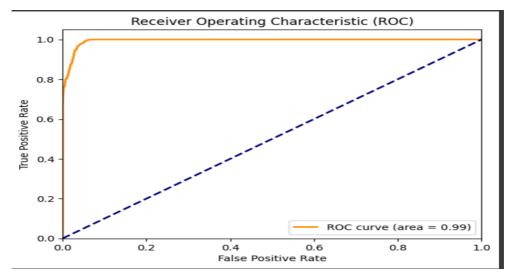
#### **Evaluation**

Tensor board has been to store the logs while training the model for further analysis on the hybrid model training. The hybrid model has been evaluated by showing test loss, test accuracy, classification report, along with epoch loss and epoch accuracy.

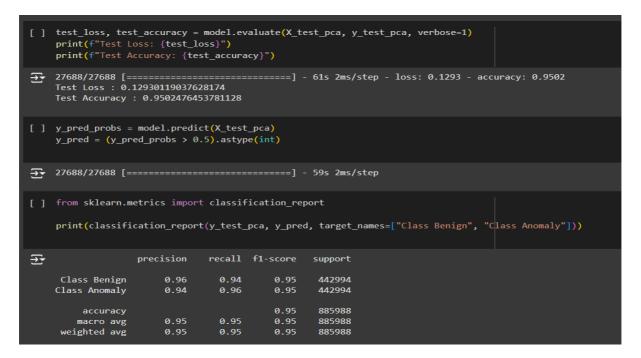
Below are code snippets for Autoencoder based data.

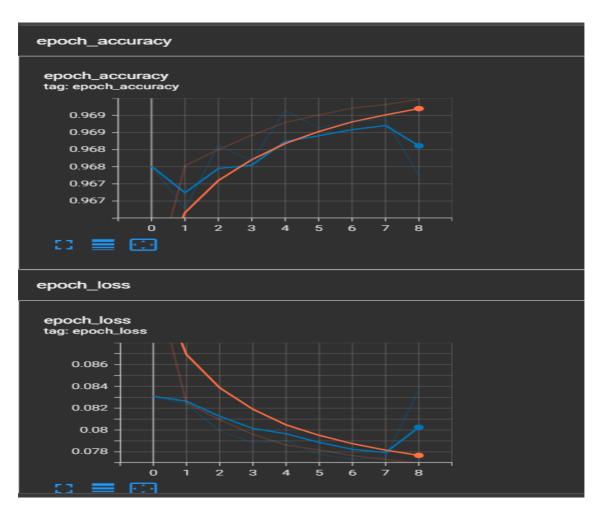
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[∱]	27688/27688 [= Test Loss: 0.0 Test Accuracy:	785774141550	<b>0641</b>	] -	- 69s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0786 - accuracy: 0.9685	
[]	y_pred_probs = y_pred = <b>(</b> y_pr					
<b>∱</b> *	27688/27688 [=			] -	- 67s 2ms/step	
[]	from sklearn.m	metrics impor	t classif	ication_rep	port	
	print(classifi	ication_repor	t(y_test_	ae, y_pred,	l, target_names=["Class Benign", "Class Anomaly"]))	
₹		precision	recall	f1-score	support	
	Class Benign	0 99	0.94	0.97	442994	
	Class Anomaly		0.99			
	accuracy			0.97	885988	
	macro avg	0.97				
	weighted avg	0.97	0.97	0.97	885988	





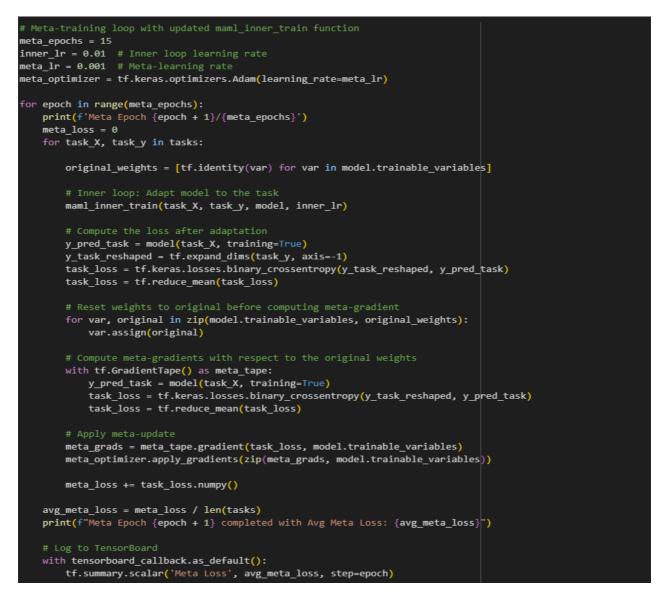
Below are code snippets for PCA based data.



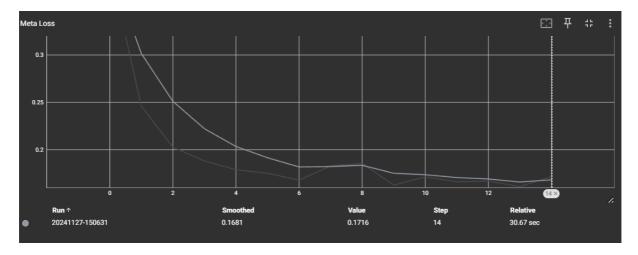


**Step 14:** Now, hybrid model will trained using meta learning, by creating tasks for normal behaviour and trained using inner and outer loop, aiming to achieve minimal meta loss.

```
def create_normal_behavior_tasks(X, y, num_tasks, k_shot_normal, k_query_anomalous):
   tasks = []
   normal_indices = np.where(y == 0)[0] # For normal data
   anomalous_indices = np.where(y == 1)[0] # For anomalous data
   for _ in range(num_tasks):
    # Samples of normal data for the support set
      normal_samples_support = np.random.choice(normal_indices, k_shot_normal, replace=False)
      # Samples of anomalous data for the query set
      anomalous_samples_query = np.random.choice(anomalous_indices, k_query_anomalous, replace=False)
      X_task = np.concatenate((X[normal_samples_support], X[anomalous_samples_query]), axis=0)
      y_task = np.concatenate((y[normal_samples_support], y[anomalous_samples_query]), axis=0)
      indices = np.arange(len(y_task))
      np.random.shuffle(indices)
      tasks.append((X_task[indices], y_task[indices]))
   return tasks
tasks = create_normal_behavior_tasks(X_train_pca, y_train_pca, num_tasks=20, k_shot_normal=16, k_query_anomalous=8)
 @tf.function
 def maml_inner_train(X_task, y_task, model, inner_lr):
      with tf.GradientTape() as tape:
           y_pred = model(X_task, training=True)
           y_task_reshaped = tf.expand_dims(y_task, axis=-1)
           task_loss = tf.keras.losses.binary_crossentropy(y_task_reshaped, y_pred)
      grads = tape.gradient(task_loss, model.trainable_variables)
      # Update the weights directly by applying gradient descent step-by-step
      for var, grad in zip(model.trainable_variables, grads):
           if grad is not None:
                var.assign_sub(inner_lr * grad)
      return task loss
```



The model has trained with MAML with above configurations, aiming to achieve minimal meta loss. This has been logged using tensor board as shown below:



The classification report for both PCA and Autoencoders are shown as below:

#### For Autoencoder:

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		precision	recall	f1-score	support		
		precision	ICCUII	TI SCOL	Support		
	Normal	0.95	0.92	0.94	442994		
	Anomalous	0.07	0.05	0.04	442994		
	Anomatous	0.93	0.95	0.94	442994		
	accuracy			0.94	885988		
	macro avg	0.94	0.94	0.94	885988		
	weighted avg	0.94	0.94	0.94	885988		

#### For PCA:

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	р	recision	recall f	1-score	support		
	Normal	0.95	0.90	0.92	442994		
	Anomalous	0.90	0.95	0.92	442994		
	accuracy			0.92	885988		
	macro avg	0.92	0.92	0.92	885988		
	weighted avg	0.92	0.92	0.92	885988		

#### 3.2 For NSL KDD dataset

From all the experiments that have been conducted on Kubernetes dataset. It has been shown that Autoencoder techniques has shown better results than PCA. Hence, Autoencoder has been used on this dataset. Hence from steps 1 to 12 have been repeated with NSL KDD dataset. Hybrid have been defined with same parameters and layers of LSTM, attention layer and transformer network. Then both have been trained with both traditional method and MAML and evaluated upon.

#### **Hybrid Model**

```
import tensorflow as tf
rom tensorflow.keras.layers import Input, LSTM, Dense, Dropout, Layer, MultiHeadAttention, LayerNormalization, Add, Flatten
from tensorflow.keras.models import Model
import tensorflow.keras.backend as K
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, roc_curve, auc
From sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
From tensorflow.keras.callbacks import TensorBoard
import datetime
X_train_full, X_test, y_train_full, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
X_train, X_val, y_train, y_val = train_test_split(X_train_full, y_train_full, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
   def __init__(self, **kwargs):
       super(Attention, self).__init__(**kwargs)
   def build(self, input_shape):
       self.W = self.add_weight(name='att_weight', shape=(input_shape[-1], 1),
                               initializer='glorot_uniform', trainable=True)
       self.b = self.add_weight(name='att_bias', shape=(input_shape[1], 1),
                               initializer='zeros', trainable=True)
       super(Attention, self).build(input_shape)
   def call(self, x):
       e = K.tanh(K.dot(x, self.W) + self.b)
       e = K.squeeze(e, axis=-1)
       alpha = K.softmax(e)
       alpha = K.expand_dims(alpha, axis=-1)
       context_vector = x * alpha
       context_vector = K.sum(context_vector, axis=1)
       return context_vector
def transformer_encoder(inputs, num_heads, dff, d_model):
     attention_output = MultiHeadAttention(num_heads=num_heads, key_dim=d_model)(inputs, inputs)
     attention_output = Add()([inputs, attention_output])
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    ffn_output = Dense(dff, activation='relu')(attention_output)
    ffn_output = Dense(d_model)(ffn_output)
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    transformer_out = transformer_encoder(tf.expand_dims(dropout_out, axis=1), num_heads=4, dff=128, d_model=64)
    transformer_out = Flatten()(transformer_out)
    output_layer = Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')(transformer_out)
    model = Model(inputs=input_layer, outputs=output_layer)
    return model
model = create_anomaly_detection_model((1, X_train.shape[2]))
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
```

#### **Trained with Traditional Method**



#### Trained with MAML learning



```
# Meta-training loop
meta_epochs = 15
inner_lr = 0.01
meta_{lr} = 0.001
meta optimizer = tf.keras.optimizers.Adam(learning rate=meta lr)
for epoch in range(meta_epochs):
    print(f'Meta Epoch {epoch + 1}/{meta_epochs}')
    meta_loss = 0
    for task_X, task_y in tasks:
        original_weights = [tf.identity(var) for var in model.trainable_variables]
        maml_inner_train(task_X, task_y, model, inner_lr)
        y_pred_task = model(task_X, training=True)
        y_task_reshaped = tf.expand_dims(task_y, axis=-1)
        task_loss = tf.reduce_mean(tf.keras.losses.binary_crossentropy(y_task_reshaped, y_pred_task))
        for var, original in zip(model.trainable_variables, original_weights):
            var.assign(original)
        with tf.GradientTape() as meta_tape:
           y_pred_task = model(task_X, training=True)
            task_loss = tf.reduce_mean(tf.keras.losses.binary_crossentropy(y_task_reshaped, y_pred_task))
        meta_grads = meta_tape.gradient(task_loss, model.trainable_variables)
        meta_optimizer.apply_gradients(zip(meta_grads, model.trainable_variables))
        meta_loss += task_loss.numpy()
    avg_meta_loss = meta_loss / len(tasks)
    print(f"Meta Epoch {epoch + 1} completed with Avg Meta Loss: {avg_meta_loss}")
```

### 4 Conclusion

Researchers can generate same results by integrating same configuration for the framework as shown above and can further delve into future research and development.

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