# Anomaly Detection

Quiz, 5 questions

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For which of the following problems would anomaly detection be a suitable algorithm?

- [ ] Given data from credit card transactions, classify each transaction according to type of purchase (for example: food, transportation, clothing).
- [ ] From a large set of hospital patient records, predict which patients have a particular disease (say, the flu).
- [ ] From a large set of primary care patient records, identify individuals who might have unusual health conditions.
- [ ] In a computer chip fabrication plant, identify microchips that might be defective.

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Suppose you have trained an anomaly detection system that flags anomalies when $p(x)$ is less than $\varepsilon$, and you find on the cross-validation set that it has too many false positives (flagging too many things as anomalies). What should you do?

- ( ) Decrease $\varepsilon$
- ( ) Increase $\varepsilon$

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Suppose you are developing an anomaly detection system to catch manufacturing defects in airplane engines. Your model uses

$p(x) = \prod_{j=1}^{n} p(x_j; \mu_j, \sigma_j^2)$.

You have two features $x_1$ = vibration intensity, and $x_2$ = heat generated. Both $x_1$ and $x_2$ take on values between 0 and 1 (and are strictly greater than 0), and for most "normal" engines you expect that $x_1 \approx x_2$. One of the suspected anomalies is that a flawed engine may vibrate very intensely even without generating much heat (large $x_1$, small $x_2$), even though the particular values of $x_1$ and $x_2$ may not fall outside their typical ranges of values. What additional feature $x_3$ should you create to capture these types of anomalies:

- $x_3 = x_1 \times x_2$
- $x_3 = x_1 + x_2$
- $x_3 = \frac{x_1}{x_2}$
- $x_3 = x_1^2 \times x_2$

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Which of the following are true? Check all that apply.

- [ ] If you have a large labeled training set with many positive examples and many negative examples, the anomaly detection algorithm will likely perform just as well as a supervised learning algorithm such as an SVM.
- [ ] If you are developing an anomaly detection system, there is no way to make use of labeled data to improve your system.
- [ ] When choosing features for an anomaly detection system, it is a good idea to look for features that take on unusually large or small values for (mainly the) anomalous examples.
- [ ] If you do not have any labeled data (or if all your data has label $y = 0$), then is is still possible to learn $p(x)$, but it may be harder to evaluate the system or choose a good value of $\epsilon$.

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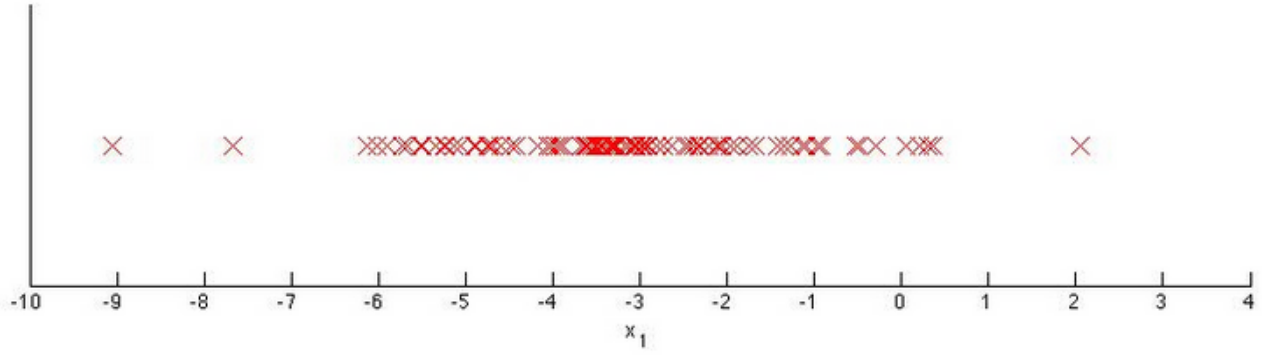
You have a 1-D dataset $\{x^{(1)}, \ldots, x^{(m)}\}$ and you want to detect outliers in the dataset. You first plot the dataset and it looks like this:




Suppose you fit the gaussian distribution parameters $\mu_1$ and $\sigma_1^2$ to this dataset. Which of the following values for $\mu_1$ and $\sigma_1^2$ might you get?

- $\mu_1 = -3, \sigma_1^2 = 4$
- $\mu_1 = -6, \sigma_1^2 = 4$
- $\mu_1 = -3, \sigma_1^2 = 2$
- $\mu_1 = -6, \sigma_1^2 = 2$

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