

# Uniting McDonald's Beta and Liouville Distributions to Empower Anomaly Detection

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we examine the McDonald's Beta-Liouville distribution, a new distribution that combines the key features of the Liouville and McDonald's Beta distributions, in order to address the issue of anomaly identification in proportional data. Its primary advantages over the standard distributions for proportional data, including the Dirichlet and Beta-Liouville, are its flexibility and capacity for explanation when working with this type of data, thanks to its variety of presented parameters. We provide two discriminative methods: a feature mapping approach to improve Support Vector Machine (SVM) and normality scores based on choosing a specific distribution to approximate the softmax output vector of a deep classifier. We illustrate the advantages of the proposed methods with several tests on image and non-image data sets. The findings show that the suggested anomaly detectors, which are based on the McDonald's Beta-Liouville distribution, perform better than baseline methods and classical distributions.


## 1 INTRODUCTION


The identification of uncommon occurrences that deviate from typical behavior, or anomaly detection (Chandola et al., 2009; Fan et al., 2011), has experienced continuous innovation to increase accuracy and efficacy. It is now a popular topic in many applications and is very important in many domains, including computer vision, medical, network security, and animal behavior (Topham et al., 2022; Epaillard and Bouguila, 2019). This task remains difficult since anomalies have few occurrences, making it difficult to obtain aberrant samples. Robust techniques are desperately needed to model anomalies. Within the field of anomaly detection, where one looks for abnormal patterns in the data, discriminative methods are commonly used to distinguish between normal and abnormal data points. Support vector machines (SVMs) and the isolation forest (IF) (Liu et al., 2008) are some of the techniques that have been found to be useful in this area, despite their challenges. However, it is important to note that such approaches may be sensitive towards certain settings called hyperparameters, or they might fail on some data types altogether. Re-

searchers have investigated several strategies to address these issues. Some have looked at distribution-based approaches to gain a deeper understanding of the data structure (Scholkopf and Smola, 2002), while others have created algorithms that, without relying largely on hyperparameters, offer a score to each data point reflecting its degree of normality (Golan and El-Yaniv, 2018).

This work aims to demonstrate how discriminative techniques (SVM with feature mapping and Normality Scores) can be used to get excellent results in anomaly detection tasks. Our objective with the normality score technique is to develop a novel system that, in the testing phase, assigns a normality score to each sample after it has been trained using a transformed set of normal samples during the training phase. Lastly, the reason for choosing SVM specifically among traditional discriminative algorithms is that they have become a common learning tool that yields benchmark results due to their computational efficacy, especially in high-dimensional feature spaces. The challenge encountered in developing the two approaches lies in effectively modeling proportional data, which imposes the constraints of non-negativity and unit sum. Traditionally, data modeling has relied heavily on the Gaussian distribution, but its rigidity proves inadequate for handling propor-

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tional data. Recognizing this limitation, researchers have turned to the Dirichlet family of distributions as a more flexible and precise alternative (Golan and El-Yaniv, 2018; Sghaier et al., 2023; Bouguila and Ziou, 2006; Sefidpour and Bouguila, 2012; Bouguila and Ziou, 2005c; Bouguila and Ziou, 2005b; Bouguila and Ziou, 2005a; Amirkhani et al., 2021). This shift underscores a departure from the constraints inherent in the Gaussian distribution, offering a more adaptable framework for accurately representing proportional data. Studies by authors in (Golan and El-Yaniv, 2018) and (Sghaier et al., 2023) have explored the use of Dirichlet and Multivariate Beta distributions, respectively, to approximate output vectors of deep classifiers. Furthermore, Dirichlet and its generalized counterpart have found application in modeling feature mapping functions within SVM (Rahman and Bouguila, 2021). In real applications, however, the Dirichlet distribution is less dependable due to the considerable interdependencies among the random variables (Wong, 1998; Fan et al., 2017; Epailard and Bouguila, 2016). Furthermore, multinomial cells and relative placements between categories are not taken into consideration by the Dirichlet distribution (Obob and Bouguila, 2017; Zamzami et al., 2020; Nguyen et al., 2019). Moreover, inadequate parameterization limits the amount of variation and covariance that may be captured in a set of data.

To tackle these challenges, Beta-Liouville from Liouville family was proposed in (Bouguila, 2012a; Bouguila, 2012b; Fan and Bouguila, 2013). It has two additional parameters compared to Dirichlet. In this context, and utilizing McDonald's Beta to model data on the support  $[0,1]$  (Forouzanfar et al., 2023b; Forouzanfar et al., 2023a; Forouzanfar et al., 2023c), we choose to extend the Beta-Liouville distribution in our work and create the McDonald's Beta-Liouville distribution. McDonald's Beta-Liouville has three extra parameters compared to Dirichlet (Fan and Bouguila, 2012) which gives the data modeling additional degrees of freedom. Additionally, the extra shape factors can alter the tail weights, simultaneously modify the kurtosis and skewness, and raise the distribution's entropy.

The following succinctly describes the primary contributions of this work: 1) Based on McDonald's Beta and Liouville distributions, we suggest a novel distribution appropriate for proportional data; 2) We introduce a deep anomaly detector for images and non-images, predicated on a broad assumption for the softmax predictions vector. We present McDonald's Beta-Liouville distribution for estimating the classifier's output vector; 3) We utilize McDonald's Beta-Liouville distribution to construct a novel fea-

ture mapping function in SVM.

The rest of this article is organized as follows: We discuss related work to anomaly detection in section 2. In section 3, we propose a new distribution based on McDonald's Beta and Liouville distributions. Section 4 contains a detailed description of the normality scores-based transformation architecture. We present our McDonald's Beta-Liouville feature mapping function of SVM in section 5. Section 6 is devoted to the experimental results when we evaluate the effectiveness of our approaches and compare them to several baseline methods. In section 7, we conclude our work.

## 2 RELATED WORK

In prior studies, researchers have explored diverse approaches for anomaly detection, with a particular focus on normality scores and SVM feature mapping. For instance, in (Golan and El-Yaniv, 2018; Sghaier et al., 2023), an innovative architecture was proposed involving geometric transformations applied to image data, followed by classification using a Dirichlet (Golan and El-Yaniv, 2018) (or Multivariate Beta in (Sghaier et al., 2023)) distribution-based normality scores function during testing. Regarding transformations, we can refer to (Qiu et al., 2021), where the authors described Neural Transformation Learning for Anomaly Detection (NeuTraL AD), an end-to-end process for anomaly detection employing learnable transformations. The two parts of the NeuTraL AD are an encoder and a fixed set of learnable transformations. They are both simultaneously trained on a contrastive loss that is deterministic (DCL). Additionally, the work in (Zhang et al., 2020) introduced a semi-supervised method utilizing GANs and frame prediction to generate normality scores during testing.

Talking about SVM, it has emerged as a formidable tool in anomaly detection, as highlighted in (Hosseinzadeh et al., 2021), where various machine learning techniques were integrated with SVM classifiers for abnormality identification. Deep learning techniques were also coupled with SVM, as exemplified in (Erfani et al., 2016), which employed DBN for feature extraction followed by one-class SVM training. Notably, feature mapping functions have been pivotal in enhancing SVM performance, especially in handling proportional data. The work proposed by (Nedaie and Najafi, 2018) introduced a feature mapping function based on the Dirichlet distribution, which demonstrated effectiveness across various tasks involving proportional data. Building upon this, (Rahman and Bouguila, 2021) sought to leverage the

explanatory capabilities of generalized Dirichlet and Beta-Liouville distributions to develop a more flexible feature mapping function for modeling proportional data. These previous endeavors provide valuable insights and pave the way for further exploration in the realms of normality scores and SVM feature mapping for anomaly detection.

### 3 MCDONALD'S BETA-LIOUVILLE DISTRIBUTION

A  $K$ -dimensional vector  $X$  follows a Liouville distribution with parameters  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_K)$  and density generator  $g(\cdot)$  if its pdf (probability density function) is defined by (Fang, 2018; Hu et al., 2019):

$$p(X|\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_K) = g(u) \prod_{i=1}^K \frac{X_i^{\alpha_i-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha_i)} \quad (1)$$

where  $u = \sum_{i=1}^K X_i < 1$ , and  $0 < X_i < 1, i = 1, \dots, K$ . One common choice of the generator function is:

$$g(u) = \frac{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^K \alpha_i)}{u^{\sum_{i=1}^K \alpha_i-1}} f(u) \quad (2)$$

where  $f(\cdot)$  is the pdf of the variable  $u$ , as a result, we can obtain a new expression of the pdf of Liouville distribution:

$$p(X) = \frac{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^K \alpha_i)}{u^{\sum_{i=1}^K \alpha_i-1}} f(u) \prod_{i=1}^K \frac{X_i^{\alpha_i-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha_i)} \quad (3)$$

The Beta distribution, with its two shape parameters allowing it to approximate any arbitrary distribution, is a convenient option for  $u$  (Bouguila and Elguebaly, 2012). Nevertheless, in this particular context, an extended version of the Beta distribution, known as McDonald's Beta (Manoj et al., 2013), includes three shape parameters instead of the usual version's two. It can therefore fit data more flexibly. McDonald's Beta has the ability to accurately reflect skewness and kurtosis in data due to its extra feature, which is very useful when modeling real-world data (Forouzanfar et al., 2023b). Furthermore, the third extra shape parameter adjusts tail weights and raises the entropy of the generated distribution. For modeling the random variable  $u$  in our study, we select the McDonald's Beta distribution, whose pdf is provided by (Manoj et al., 2013):

$$f(u|\alpha, \beta, \lambda) = \frac{\lambda u^{\alpha\lambda-1} (1-u^\lambda)^{\beta-1}}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \quad (4)$$

with:

$$B(a, b) = \frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)} \quad (5)$$

represents the Beta function and  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  denotes the Gamma function,  $u$  is a scalar where  $0 \leq u \leq 1$ , and  $\alpha, \beta, \lambda > 0$ . We obtain the expression of the pdf for our proposed distribution for work, which is the McDonald's Beta-Liouville distribution, by using the McDonald's Beta as the density function for  $u$  in Eq(2), and injecting Eq(4) in Eq(3) by considering  $u = \sum_{k=1}^K X_k$ . The full expression is given as follows:

$$p(X|\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_K, \alpha, \beta, \lambda) = \frac{\Gamma(\sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k) \Gamma(\alpha + \beta) \lambda}{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\beta)} \times \left( \sum_{k=1}^K X_k \right)^{(\alpha\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k)} \left[ 1 - \left( \sum_{k=1}^K X_k \right)^\lambda \right]^{\beta-1} \times \prod_{k=1}^K \frac{X_k^{\alpha_k-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha_k)} \quad (6)$$

Figure(1) displays some examples of McDonald's Beta-Liouville distribution for different parameters.

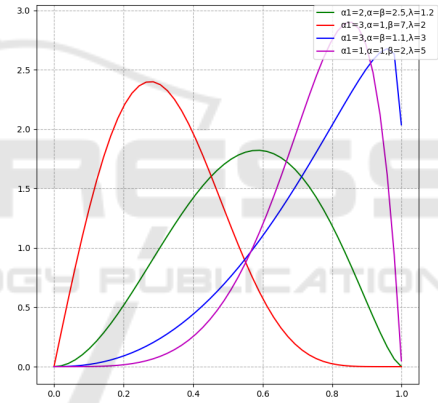


Figure 1: McDonald's Beta-Liouville Distribution.

## 4 MCDONALD'S BETA-LIOUVILLE NORMALITY SCORES

### 4.1 General Framework of the Proposed Architecture

In this work, we highlight the application of a normality score in anomaly detection. The core notion of this concept is as follows: Take into consideration  $\mathcal{X}$  as the totality of data samples, each labeled as "Normal" or "Anomaly". A classifier named  $C(x)$  is to be developed, and its objective is to take a sample  $x$ , return 1 if  $x$  is in the set of normal samples termed  $\mathbf{X}$ , and 0, otherwise. We must first construct a scoring

function called  $n_s(x)$  and compare its value to a preset threshold known as  $\lambda$  in order to accomplish that. We can conclude whether or not our sample is an abnormality based on this comparison.

$$C_s^\lambda(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & n_s(x) \geq \lambda \\ 0 & n_s(x) < \lambda. \end{cases}$$

As determining an appropriate threshold value  $\lambda$  is not the main challenge in this work, we will ignore the limited binary decision problem and focus only on the proper generation of the score function. We need appropriate measures in order to evaluate the score function for that. In our work, we determine the trade-off of the normality score function by setting the Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic as our metric. The process starts by applying a collection of geometric adjustments in the form of  $\Delta = \{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_K\}$  to the input image data. We can illustrate the efficacy of this kind of transformation by showing that it can retain the spatial details of the normal sample, as the geometric structure of the original image and its transformed counterpart will be almost the same (Golan and El-Yaniv, 2018). We build numerous neural networks based on dense layers followed by an auto-encoder for non-image data. The usefulness of neural network-based dense layers, which retain the structure of the vector data even after undergoing linear transformations, can be used to support the choice to deploy them. The purpose of the auto-encoder is to enhance feature extraction. The output of this phase is the transformed data:

$$\mathbf{X}_T \triangleq \{(T_j(x), j) : x \in \mathbf{X}, T_j \in \Delta\}.$$

where  $j$  is the index of transformation,  $T_j$  is the corresponding transformation,  $x$  is the given sample and  $\mathbf{X}$  is the set of normal samples. In this case, a new label is assigned to each transformed sample which is the index of transformation. Then, we fed the transformed data to a deep classifier. In our study, we set the Wide Residual Networks (WRN) (Zagoruyko and Komodakis, 2016) as our classifier.

In the second stage of our proposed architecture, we focus on building our normality scores for every sample  $x \in \mathbf{X}$  from the softmax prediction vector  $y(T_i(x))$  produced by the classifier for  $T_i(x)$  (the sample  $x$  being transformed by the  $i^{th}$  transformation). The normality scores function is the sum of the log-likelihoods of the distributions of  $\{y(T_i(x))\}_{i=1, \dots, K}$ , where  $K$  is the total number of transformations.

$$n_s(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \log p(y(T_i(x)) | T_i) \quad (7)$$

We decide to use McDonald's Beta-Liouville distribution to approximate  $y(T_i(x))$ . When data points range

from 0 to 1, it makes sense. In addition, its covariance structure is stronger than that of traditional distributions like the Dirichlet. The McDonald's Beta-Liouville log-likelihood function is convex because it belongs to the exponential family, making it simple to identify the maximum. In order to estimate the distribution parameters, we create maximum likelihood estimators using the modified normal data.

## 4.2 McDonald's Beta-Liouville Normality Scores Expression

In this section, we approximate  $y(T_i(x))$  with McDonald's Beta-Liouville distribution:  $y(T_i(x)) \sim \text{McDonald's BL}(\theta_i)$  with  $\theta_i = (\alpha_{i1}, \dots, \alpha_{iK}, a_{i1}, \dots, a_{iK}, b_{i1}, \dots, b_{iK}, p_{i1}, \dots, p_{iK})$ . Injecting the expression of McDonald's BL pdf in Eq(6) into the normality scores expression in Eq(7), we obtain the following expression of  $n_s(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} n_s(x) = & \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \log \left( \Gamma \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \tilde{\alpha}_{ik} \right) \right) + \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \log \Gamma(\tilde{\alpha}_i + \tilde{\beta}_i) \\ & - \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \log \left( \Gamma(\tilde{\alpha}_i) \right) - \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \log \left( \Gamma(\tilde{\beta}_i) \right) + \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \log(\tilde{\lambda}_i) \\ & + \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \left( \tilde{\alpha}_i \tilde{\lambda}_i - \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \tilde{\alpha}_{ik} \right) \log \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} [y(T_i(x))]_k \right) \\ & + \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} (\tilde{\beta}_i - 1) \log \left( 1 - \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} [y(T_i(x))]_k \right)^{\tilde{\lambda}_i} \right) \\ & + \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} (\tilde{\alpha}_{ik} - 1) \log ([y(T_i(x))]_k) \\ & - \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \log (\Gamma(\tilde{\alpha}_{ik})) \quad (8) \end{aligned}$$

the estimators of  $\alpha_{ik}$ ,  $\alpha_i$ ,  $\beta_i$ , and  $\lambda_i$  are denoted by the following expressions:  $\tilde{\alpha}_{ik}$ ,  $\tilde{\alpha}_i$ ,  $\tilde{\beta}_i$ , and  $\tilde{\lambda}_i$ . The expression of  $n_s(x)$  can be made simpler by removing all the terms that are independent of the sample values. This leaves us with:

$$\begin{aligned} n_s(x) = & \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \left( \tilde{\alpha}_i \tilde{\lambda}_i - \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \tilde{\alpha}_{ik} \right) \log \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} [y(T_i(x))]_k \right) \\ & + \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} (\tilde{\beta}_i - 1) \log \left( 1 - \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} [y(T_i(x))]_k \right)^{\tilde{\lambda}_i} \right) \\ & + \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} (\tilde{\alpha}_{ik} - 1) \log ([y(T_i(x))]_k) - \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \log (\Gamma(\tilde{\alpha}_{ik})) \quad (9) \end{aligned}$$

Using the Fixed Point Iteration, the expressions of the estimated parameters are the following at iteration  $t$ :

$$\tilde{\alpha}_{ik,t} = \Psi^{-1} \left[ \Psi \left( \sum_{j=0}^{K-1} \tilde{\alpha}_{jk,t-1} \right) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \log(c_{jk}) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \log \left( \sum_{m=0}^{K-1} c_{jm} \right) \right], \quad k = 0 \cdots K-1 \quad (10)$$

$$\tilde{\alpha}_{i,t} = \Psi^{-1} \left[ \Psi \left( \tilde{\alpha}_{i,t-1} + \tilde{\beta}_{i,t-1} \right) + \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_{i,t-1}}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \log \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} c_{jk} \right) \right] \quad (11)$$

$$\tilde{\beta}_{i,t} = \Psi^{-1} \left[ \Psi \left( \tilde{\alpha}_{i,t-1} + \tilde{\beta}_{i,t-1} \right) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \log \left( \left( 1 - \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} c_{jk} \right)^{\tilde{\lambda}_{i,t-1}} \right) \right] \quad (12)$$

$$\tilde{\lambda}_{i,t} = \frac{N}{Q} \quad (13)$$

where:

$$Q = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} (\tilde{\beta}_{i,t-1} - 1) \frac{\log \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} c_{jk} \right) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} c_{jk} \right)^{\tilde{\lambda}_{i,t-1}}}{1 - \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} c_{jk} \right)^{\tilde{\lambda}_{i,t-1}}} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \tilde{\alpha}_{i,t-1} \log \left( \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} c_{jk} \right) \quad (14)$$

with  $C = (c_{jk})_{j=1 \cdots N, k=1 \cdots K}$  is the matrix where the  $j^{th}$  row equals to  $y(T_i(x_j))$ ,  $x_j$  is the sample  $j$  in the normal samples set  $X$ .

## 5 MCDONALD'S BETA-LIOUVILLE FEATURE MAPPING IN SVM

### 5.1 Support Vector Machines Classifier

SVM is a well-known and often used supervised learning solution. Empirically, across numerous studies and applications, it has proven to have significant generalization capabilities. SVMs are effective in determining the optimal decision boundaries that maximize the margin between many classes in a dataset

(Cortes and Vapnik, 1995). The SVM optimization problem's primal representation is provided by:

$$\min_{w,b,\epsilon} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_i \epsilon_i \quad (15)$$

subject to

$$y^{(i)}(w^T \phi(X_i) + b) > 1 - \epsilon_i, i = 1 \cdots, N \quad (16)$$

$$\epsilon_i > 0, i = 1 \cdots, N \quad (17)$$

where  $N$  is the number of samples,  $X_i$  is the normalized version of the  $i^{th}$  sample in the data set, and  $y_i$  is the corresponding label.

In SVM, the regularization strength is controlled by the hyperparameter  $C$ . It lessens the overfitting of the model by applying a penalty to the misclassified data points. It balances the trade-off between obtaining a broader margin (lower complexity) and minimizing the classification error (higher complexity). The feature mapping function from the input space  $\chi$  to the feature space  $H$  is denoted by  $\phi(X_i)$  in (16). If no additional features are added or taken out of the data, it is equal to the input data. Instead of being  $\langle \phi(X_i), \phi(X_j) \rangle$  in this instance, the kernel  $K$  - the inner product between data points - becomes  $\langle X_i, X_j \rangle$ . The slack variable  $\epsilon_i$  is provided to solve the problem of non-linearly separated data, and  $\sum_i \epsilon_i$  represents the upper bound of the generalization error. The dual problem can be solved computationally for huge datasets. When the constraints are loosened via Lagrange multipliers, the dual solution becomes,

$$\max_{\gamma} \sum_i \gamma_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j \gamma_i \gamma_j y^{(i)} y^{(j)} < \phi(X_i), \phi(X_j) > \quad (18)$$

subject to

$$0 < \gamma_i < C, \sum_i \gamma_i y^{(i)} = 0, i = 1 \cdots, N \quad (19)$$

In this case, the decision function of SVM becomes:

$$f(X) = \sum_i \gamma_i y^{(i)} < \phi(X_i), \phi(X) > \quad (20)$$

### 5.2 Mcdonald's Beta-Liouville SVM Feature Mapping Function

This section focuses on selecting the feature mapping function to solve the dual and primal problems, as stated in (15) and (18), respectively. The selection of  $\phi(X)$  for improved modeling is contingent upon the data's structure. Using the benefits of the McDonald's Beta-Liouville distribution to model propor-



tional data, the following can be used to create a potential feature mapping function:

$$\phi_j(X_i) = \begin{cases} X_{ij}, & j = 1, \dots, K \\ \frac{\Gamma(\sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k) \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\beta)} \lambda \left[ 1 - \left( \sum_{k=1}^K X_{ik} \right)^\lambda \right]^{\beta-1} \times \\ \quad \left( \sum_{k=1}^K X_{ik} \right)^{(\alpha\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k)} \times \\ \quad \prod_{k=1}^K \frac{X_{ik}^{\alpha_k-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha_k)}, & j = K+1 \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

As can be seen from (21)'s suggested feature mapping function, the input dimension has risen by 1. Diversity is introduced into the data set by the new feature. Furthermore, it offers more information about how the original characteristics were distributed overall. Sorting aberrant samples can be made easier with this additional representation information. Newton Raphson's approach can be used to estimate the parameters using the initial input data set in a manner similar to that described in (Nedaie and Najafi, 2018). After obtaining the training parameters, we were able to formulate McDonald's Beta-Liouville SVM (McDonald's BL SVM) in a novel way as follows:

$$\min_{w,b,\epsilon} \frac{1}{2} \sum_k w_k^2 + C \sum_i \epsilon_i \quad (22)$$

subject to

$$y^{(i)}(w^T \phi(X_i) + b) > 1 - \epsilon_i, i = 1 \dots, N \quad (23)$$

$$\epsilon_i > 0, i = 1 \dots, N \quad (24)$$

A new expression of McDonald's BL SVM can be formulated as follows:

$$\min_{w,b,\epsilon} \frac{1}{2} \sum_k w_k^2 + C \sum_i \epsilon_i \quad (25)$$

subject to

$$y^{(i)} \left( \sum_k w_k X_{ik} + w_{K+1} \frac{\Gamma(\sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k) \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\beta)} \lambda \times \left( \sum_{k=1}^K X_{ik} \right)^{(\alpha\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k)} \left[ 1 - \left( \sum_{k=1}^K X_{ik} \right)^\lambda \right]^{\beta-1} \times \prod_{k=1}^K \frac{X_{ik}^{\alpha_k-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha_k)} \right) > 1 - \epsilon_i, i = 1 \dots, N \quad (26)$$

$$\epsilon_i > 0, i = 1 \dots, N \quad (27)$$

## 6 EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

### 6.1 Feature Mapping SVM Results

Three subsets of Fashion MNIST (Xiao et al., 2017) data and three more from MNIST (Baldominos et al.,

2019) data served as the foundation for our analysis in this section. We take 2000 samples from each of the following classes: 1, 2, and 3 to serve as anomaly classes for the three subsets, respectively (class 1 is the anomaly class of the first subset, class 2 is the anomaly class of the second subset, and class 3 is the anomaly class of the third subset). We consider the class 0 to be the normal class (10000 samples). We thus set the anomalous rate to 16%. Using various SVM kernels, including Linear, RBF (Radial Basis Function), and Polynomial kernels, we compare the performance of our proposed method, McDonald's Beta Liouville for feature mapping in SVM (McDonald's BL SVM), against baseline SVM and two state-of-the-art benchmarking methods: Dirichlet SVM (Dir SVM) and Beta-Liouville SVM (BL SVM).

Our experiments on the Fashion MNIST dataset revealed consistent improvements in classification performance achieved by McDonald's BL SVM across different SVM kernels. Notably, when employing the Linear kernel, McDonald's BL SVM outperformed baseline SVM, Dir SVM, and BL SVM across all classes, with F1 scores of 90.86% (Class 1), 89.7% (Class 2), and 73.41% (Class 3) compared to 87.64%, 88.88%, 87.77%, and 84.03%, 89.3%, 89.3%, and 72.5%, 73.06%, 72.04%, respectively. Under the RBF kernel, McDonald's BL SVM achieved even higher F1 scores, reaching 90.71% (Class 1), 88.17% (Class 2), and 74.41% (Class 3), surpassing baseline SVM, Dir SVM, and BL SVM. Similarly, using the Polynomial kernel, McDonald's BL SVM demonstrated substantial improvements, particularly in Class 2 (F1 score: 89.92%) outperforming baseline SVM, Dir SVM, and BL SVM. McDonald's BL SVM demonstrated better classification performance on the MNIST dataset when compared to benchmarking methods such as Dir SVM, and baseline SVM for all SVM kernels. Its remarkable performance with the Linear kernel was especially noteworthy; McDonald's BL SVM outperformed baseline SVM, Dir SVM, and BL SVM, achieving F1 scores of 97.01% (Class 1), 74.64% (Class 2), and 76.57% (Class 3). Furthermore, McDonald's BL SVM outperformed baseline SVM, Dir SVM, and BL SVM with F1 scores of 97.96% (Class 1) and 82.66% (Class 3) using the RBF kernel. McDonald's BL SVM demonstrated notable gains even with the Polynomial kernel, especially in Class 1 (F1 score: 97.52%) and Class 2 (F1 score: 72.29%), demonstrating how well it captures intricate correlations in the data. This increase might be explained by the McDonald's Beta-Liouville distribution's better generalization capabilities, which allow it to repre-

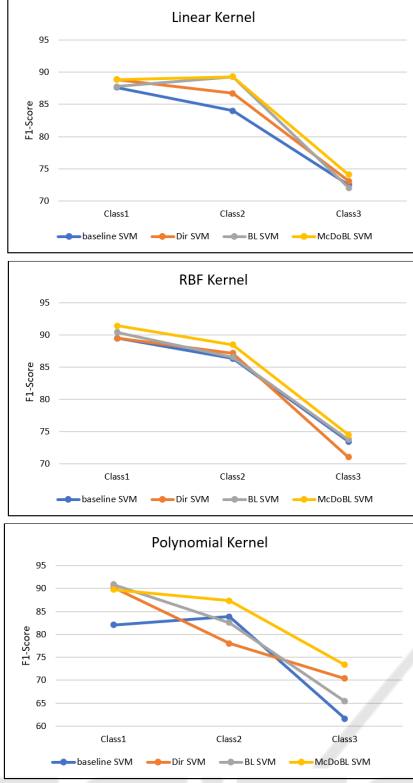


Figure 2: F1 score over subsets for the different approaches on Fashion MNIST Data Set.

sent data distribution with a higher coherence covariance structure.

Another data set used in our work to measure the performance of our feature mapping strategy for SVM is the bank data used previously in (Sghaier et al., 2024). Table 1 shows that McDonald's BLSVM performs better than baseline SVM, BLSVM, and DSV for all kernels. For linear SVM, McDonald's BLSVM achieves the highest scores marking 99.69 as accuracy and 99.81 as f1 score. Also, McDonald's BLSVM provides the highest accuracy of 97.42 and the highest f1 score of 98.45 when taking into account the RBF SVM.

## 6.2 Normality Scores Results

In this part, we apply our suggested McDonald's BL normality scores method to the NSL-KDD Cup and the MNIST image data sets. To simplify the work, we restrict the label names for the NSL-KDD Cup dataset to just two classes: the *attack* class, which consists of all labels that deviate from the *normal* class. As a result, the final labels are the *attack* class and the *normal* class. We assess the effectiveness of our approach by comparing the normality scores based on the McDon-

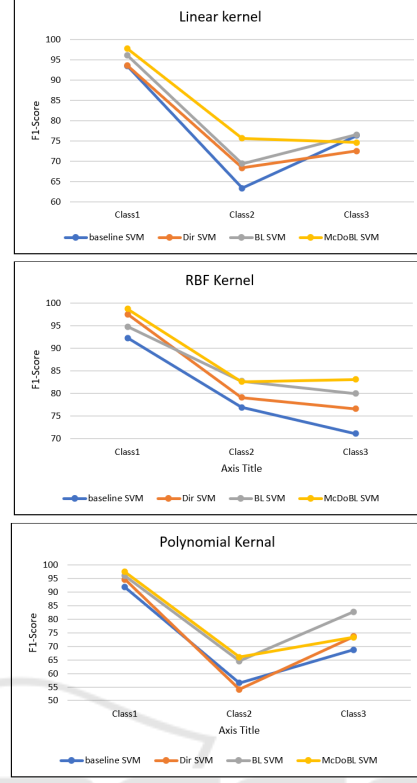


Figure 3: F1 score over subsets for the different approaches on MNIST Data Set.

ald's BL distribution with those based on the Dirichlet and Beta-Liouville distributions, as well as two baseline methods: the Convolutional AutoEncoder One-Class Support Vector Machine (CAE OCSVM) and the Raw One-Class Support Vector Machine (RAW-OCSVM) (Deecke et al., 2019), (Zhai et al., 2016).

We have selected Wide Residual Networks (WRN) (Zagoruyko and Komodakis, 2016) as the classifier for our architecture. Its width is set to 8, and its depth to 16. In addition, the OCSVM hyperparameters were changed to  $v \in \{0.1, \dots, 0.9\}$  and  $\gamma \in \{2^{-7}, 2^{-6}, \dots, 2^2\}$ .

Table 2 displays the performance of various approaches for normality scores, as measured by AU-ROC, using the MNIST data set. Take note that the one-vs-all strategy was the evaluation method employed in our trials. It views one class as abnormal and the other classes as typical. Based on the outcomes in the three tables, we can verify that Dirichlet, McDonald's Beta-Liouville, and Beta-Liouville perform better than the baseline methods. This supports (our hypotheses) that distributions with higher discriminating power between data specified on a simplex are those such as McDonald's Beta-Liouville and Beta-Liouville.

Table 1: F1 score and Accuracy for different kernels on Bank Data Set.

Kernel	Linear		RBF		Polynomial	
Approach	F1 Score	Accuracy	F1 Score	Accuracy	F1 Score	Accuracy
Baseline SVM	94.86	91.95	94.97	92.11	90.87	86.22
DSVM	94.77	91.82	97.65	96.08	79.93	72.45
BLSVM	94.77	91.82	97.68	96.15	87.51	81.72
McDonald's BL SVM	<b>99.81</b>	<b>99.69</b>	<b>98.45</b>	<b>97.42</b>	<b>93.21</b>	<b>89.54</b>

Table 2: AUC of anomaly detection-based normality score techniques for MNIST dataset. In each method, the model was trained on a single class and tested on the rest. The best performing method in each row appears in bold.

	Raw-OC-SVM	CAE-OC-SVM	Dirichlet	Beta-Liouville	McDonald's Beta-Liouville
0	<b>99.54</b>	97.25	91.4	88.99	91.31
1	<b>99.91</b>	99.28	85.5	73.78	93.46
2	88.5	82.33	<b>99.4</b>	99.31	98.65
3	89.07	76.14	96.01	95.96	<b>99.0</b>
4	95.46	79.39	98.72	96.69	<b>99.11</b>
5	91.17	78.35	98.35	97.82	<b>99.65</b>
6	97.06	86.69	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>
7	95.05	86.83	95.58	94.94	<b>95.91</b>
8	86.47	74.41	92.94	<b>93.19</b>	88.29
9	96.3	92.48	<b>99.09</b>	98.91	98.44
mean	93.85	85.31	95.68	93.94	<b>96.37</b>

Table 3: AUC of anomaly detection-based normality score techniques for NSL-KDD Cup dataset. In each method, the model was trained on a single class and tested on the rest. The best performing method in each row appears in bold.

	Dirichlet	Beta-Liouville	McDonald's Beta-Liouville
Normal	75.62	75.12	<b>83.12</b>
Attack	76.91	81.59	<b>81.72</b>
mean	76.26	78.35	<b>82.42</b>

As seen in Table 2, the McDonald's Beta-Liouville (McDonald's BL) normality score (AUC=96.17) for the MNIST data set is better than the Dirichlet normality score (AUC=95.68), Beta-Liouville normality scores (AUC=93.94), RAW OCSVM (AUC=93.85), and CAE OCSVM (AUC=85.31). Moreover, McDonald's BL has the highest scores for five of the ten classes (3,4,5,6,7), achieving an AUC=99.9 for class 6. Even yet, Dirichlet excels in three classes: 2,4,9, whereas class 8 has the highest AUC=93.19 based on Beta-Liouville measurement.

The AUC results by Dirichlet, BL, and McDonald's BL on the NSL-KDD Cup data set are shown in Table 3. With a 4% difference in AUC from the nearest score (AUC = 82.42 for McDonald's BL to AUC = 78.35 and AUC = 76.26 for BL and Dirichlet, respectively), McDonald's BL performs well in both classes, as this table illustrates. The McDonald's BL normalcy score for the *attack* class yields an AUC of 81.72, while BL comes in second with 81.59. We may observe that Dirichlet and BL perform similarly for the Normal class in the *normal* class. Additionally,

we observe that McDonald's BL (83.12, a difference of 7% from the nearest score) shows a very high score in comparison to other distributions.

## 7 CONCLUSION

The development of discriminative algorithms for proportional data modeling and anomaly detection tasks was the main objective of this paper. The McDonald's Beta-Liouville distribution, which is derived from the Liouville family and includes the Dirichlet as a particular example, served as the foundation for these methods. The McDonald's Beta-Liouville distribution, which is used to effectively statistically represent the properties of the data, is another advantage of these techniques. This distribution is primarily driven by the large number of data mining, pattern recognition, and computer vision applications that naturally generate this type of data. In particular, we proposed a deep anomaly detection architecture based on normality score that uses McDonald's Beta-Liouville to approximate the classifier's soft-



max output vector predictions. Three feature mapping functions for proportional data have been added to the SVM learning algorithm in the second and final approach. Above all, the findings of the two approaches have clearly shown that the McDonald's Beta-Liouville can be a good alternative to the recently proposed Beta-Liouville, as it performs better than the widely used Dirichlet. Nevertheless, significant drawbacks include presumptions regarding the alignment of the data distribution, possible difficulties in generalizing to different types of data, and issues with computing complexity in large-scale applications. Future research may focus on creating hybrid generative discriminative techniques using SVM kernels produced from McDonald's Beta-Liouville mixture models.

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