Abstract—This work introduces the one-class slab SVM (OCSSVM), a one-class classifier that aims at improving the performance of the one-class SVM. The proposed strategy reduces the false positive rate and increases the accuracy of detecting instances from novel classes. For this end, it uses two parallel hyperplanes to learn the normal region of the decision scores of the target class. OCSSVM extends one-class SVM since it can scale and learn non-linear decision functions via kernel methods. The experiments on two publicly available datasets show that OCSSVM can consistently outperform the one-class SVM and perform comparable to or better than other state-of-the-art one-class classifiers.

I. INTRODUCTION

Current recognition systems perform well when their training phase uses a vast amount of samples from all classes encountered at test time. However, these systems significantly decrease in performance when they face the open-set recognition problem [20]: recognition in the presence of samples from unknown or novel classes. This occurs even for already solved datasets (e.g., the Letter dataset [10]) that are recontextualized as open-set recognition problems. The top of the Figure 1 illustrates the general open-set recognition problem.

Recent work has aimed at increasing the robustness of classifiers in this context [11], [19], [20]. However, these approaches assume knowledge of at least a few classes during the training phase. Unfortunately, many recognition systems only have a few samples from just the target class. For example, collecting images from the normal state of a retina is easier than collecting those from abnormal retinas [25].

One-class classifiers are useful in applications where collecting samples from negative classes is challenging, but gathering instances from a target class is easy. An ensemble of one-class classifiers can solve the open-set recognition problem. This is because each one-class classifier can recognize samples of the class it was trained for and detect novel samples; see Figure 1 for an illustration of the ensemble of one-class classifiers. Unlike other solutions to the open-set recognition problem (e.g., the 1-vs-Set SVM [20]), the ensemble offers parallelizable training and easy integration of new categories. These computational advantages follow from the independence of each classifier and allow the ensemble to scale well with the number of target classes.

However, the one-class classification problem is a challenging binary categorization task. This is because the classifier is trained with only positive examples from the target class, yet, it must be able to detect novel samples (negative class data). For instance, a one-class classifier trained to detect normal retinas must learn properties from them to recognize other images of normal and abnormal retinas. A vast amount of research has focused on tackling the challenges faced in the one-class classification problem. These strategies include statistical methods [6], [13], neural networks [2], [15], and kernel methods [13], [22], [23].

Despite the advancements, the performance of one-class classifiers falls short for open-set recognition problems. To improve the performance of one-class classifiers, we propose a new algorithm called the one-class slab SVM (OCSSVM), which reduces the rate of classifying instances from a novel class as positive (false positive rate) and increases the rate of detecting instances from a novel class (true negative rate). This work focuses on the one-class SVM classifier as a basis because it can scale well and can learn non-linear decision functions via kernel methods.

The one-class SVM (OCSVM) learns a hyperplane that keeps most of the instances of the target class on its positive side. However, instances from the negative class can also be on the positive side of this hyperplane. The OCSVM does not account for this case, which makes it prone to a high false
positive rate. Unlike the OCSVM, the proposed OCSSVM approach encloses the normal region of the target class in feature space by using two parallel hyperplanes. When an instance falls inside the normal region or the slab created by the hyperplanes, the OCSSVM labels it as a sample from the target class, and negative otherwise. Figure 2 provides an overview of this new algorithm.

Using two parallel hyperplanes has been explored before in visual recognition problems. Cevikalp and Triggs [11] proposed a cascade of classifiers for object detection. Similarly, Scheirer et al. [20] proposed the 1-vs-Set SVM, where a greedy algorithm calculates the slab parameters after training a regular linear SVM. However, these methods are not strictly one-class classifiers since they use samples from known negative classes. Parallel hyperplanes have also been used by Giesen et al. [12] to compress a set of 3D points and by Glazer et al. [13] to estimate level sets from a high-dimensional distribution. In contrast to these methods, the OCSSVM targets the open-set recognition problem directly and computes the optimal size of the slab automatically.

This work presents two experiments on two publicly available visual recognition datasets. This is because visual recognition systems encounter novel classes very frequently in natural scenes that contain both target and novel objects. The experiments evaluate the performance of the proposed approach and compare it with other state-of-the-art one-class classifiers. The experiments show that OCSSVM consistently outperforms the one-class SVM and performs comparable to or better than other one-class classifiers.

The OCSSVM represents a step towards the ideal robust recognition system based on an ensemble of one-class classifiers. The proposed OCSSVM can also improve the performance of other applications such as the identification of abnormal episodes in gas-turbines [7], the detection of abnormal medical states from vital signs [14], and the detection of impostor patterns in a biometric system [14].

A. Brief Review of the One-class SVM

Schölkopf et al. [22] proposed the one-class support vector machine (OCSVM) to detect novel or outlier samples. Their goal was to find a function that returns +1 in a "small" region capturing most of the target data points, and -1 elsewhere. Their strategy consists of mapping the data to a feature space via kernel methods. Subsequently, it finds a hyperplane in this new feature space that maximizes the margin between the origin and the data.

To find this hyperplane, Schölkopf et al. proposed the following optimization problem:

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\begin{align*}
\text{minimize} & \quad \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + \frac{1}{\nu m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \xi_i - \rho \\
\text{subject to} & \quad \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle \geq \rho - \xi_i, \\
& \quad \xi_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \ldots, m,
\end{align*}
\]

where \(m\) is the number of total training samples from the target class; \(\nu\) is an upper-bound on the fraction of outliers and a lower bound on the fraction of support vectors (SV); \(x_i\) is the \(i\)-th training sample feature vector; \(w\) is the hyperplane normal vector; \(\Phi()\) is a feature map; \(\xi\) are slack variables; and \(\rho\) is the offset (or threshold). Solvers for this problem compute the dot product \(\langle \Phi(x_i), \Phi(x_j) \rangle\) via a kernel function \(k(x_i, x_j) = \langle \Phi(x_i), \Phi(x_j) \rangle\).

Schölkopf et al. [22] proposed to solve the problem shown in Eq. (1) via its dual problem:

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\begin{align*}
\text{minimize} & \quad \frac{1}{2} \alpha^T K \alpha \\
\text{subject to} & \quad \|\alpha\|_1 = 1, \\
& \quad 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq \frac{1}{\nu m}, \quad i = 1, \ldots, m,
\end{align*}
\]

where \(K\) is the kernel matrix calculated using a kernel function, \(i.e., K_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j)\), and \(\alpha\) are the dual variables. This optimization problem is a constrained quadratic-program which is convex. Thus, solvers can use Newton-like methods [3, 21] or a variant of the sequential-minimal-optimization (SMO) technique [16].

The SVM decision function is calculated as follows:

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f(x) = \text{sgn} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m} \alpha_i k(x_i, x) - \rho \right),
\]

where the offset \(\rho\) can be recovered from the support vectors that lie exactly on the hyperplane, \(i.e.,\), the training feature.
vectors whose dual variables satisfy $0 < \alpha_i < \frac{1}{\nu_i}$. In this work, the projection $\langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}) \rangle$ of a sample $\mathbf{x}$ onto the normal vector $\mathbf{w}$ is called the SVM score.

B. Discussion

An interpretation of the solution $(\mathbf{w}^*, \rho^*)$ for the problem stated in Eq. (1) is a hyperplane that bounds the SVM scores from below; see the inequality constraints in Eq. (1). This interpretation also considers that the SVM score is a random variable. In this context, $\rho^*$ is a threshold that discards outliers falling on the left tail of the SVM score density. Figures 2(a) and 2(b) illustrate this rationale.

However, the one-class SVM does not account for outliers that occur on the right tail of the SVM-score density. It needs to account for them to reduce false positives. Its decision rule considers these outliers as target samples yielding undesired false positives and decrease of performance.

The proposed strategy does account for these outliers. It learns two hyperplanes that tightly enclose the normal support of the SVM score density from the positive class. These hyperplanes bound the density from “below” and from “above.”

The proposed strategy considers samples falling in between these hyperplanes the “normal” state of the positive class SVM scores. It considers samples falling outside these hyperplanes outliers: novel or abnormal samples. The region in between these bounds is the “slab,” and its size can be controlled by $\nu_1$ and $\nu_2$. The slack variables $\xi$ and $\bar{\xi}$ allow the OCSSVM to exclude some SVM scores that deviate from the slab region: the normal region of the SVM score density from the positive class.

The decision function of the OCSSVM,

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sgn} \{ ((\mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x})) - \rho_1)(\rho_2 - (\mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}))) \},$$

is positive when SVM scores fall inside the slab region, and negative otherwise.

Solving the primal problem (shown in Eq. (4)) is challenging – especially when a non-linear kernel function is used. However, the dual problem of several SVMs often yields a simpler-to-solve optimization problem. The dual problem for the OCSSVM is

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\[ \rho_1 = \frac{1}{N_{SV1}} \sum_{i < \alpha_i < \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}} \sum_j (\alpha_j - \bar{\alpha}_j)k(x_i, x_j) \]  
\[ \rho_2 = \frac{1}{N_{SV2}} \sum_{i < \alpha_i < \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}} \sum_j (\alpha_j - \bar{\alpha}_j)k(x_i, x_j). \]

The SVM score \( s_w \) is obtained from Eq. (3) and re-writing dot products with the kernel function. On the other hand, the offsets require analysis from the KKT conditions (see Appendix A) to establish their relationship with the dual variables. The offset computation requires knowledge of the support vectors that lie exactly on the lower and upper hyperplanes. These support vectors are detected by evaluating if their dual variables satisfy \( 0 < \alpha_i < \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \) and \( 0 < \bar{\alpha}_i < \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \) for the lower and upper hyperplane, respectively. Equations (9) and (10) require the number of support vectors \( N_{SV1}, N_{SV2} \) that exactly lie on the lower and upper hyperplanes, respectively. Moreover, it can be shown via the KKT conditions that if \( \alpha_i > 0 \), then \( \bar{\alpha}_i = 0 \), and that if \( \alpha_i > 0 \), then \( \bar{\alpha}_i = 0 \). This means that each hyperplane has its own set of support vectors; the reader is referred to the Appendix A for a more detailed analysis of the KKT conditions.

III. EXPERIMENTS

This section presents two experiments (described in Sections H.I-A and H.I-B) that assess the performance of the proposed OCSSVM. These experiments use two different publicly available datasets: the letter dataset [10] and the PascalVOC 2012 [9] dataset.

We implemented a primal-dual interior point method solver in C++ to find the hyperplane parameters of the proposed OCSSVM. The experiments on the letter dataset were carried out on a MacBook Pro with 16GB of RAM and an Intel core i7 CPU. The experiments on the PascalVOC 2012 dataset were executed on a machine with 32GB of RAM and an Intel core i7 CPU.

The experiments compared the proposed approach to other state-of-the-art one-class classifiers: support vector data description (SVDD) [23], one-class kernel PCA (KPCA) [13], kernel density estimation (KDE), and the one-class support vector machine (OCSVM) [22] – the main baseline. The experiments used the implementations from LibSVM [3] for SVDD and SVM; and a publicly available Matlab implementation we created for the one-class kernel PCA algorithm to apply to the letter dataset. However, the experiments used a C++ KPCA implementation (also developed in house) for the PascalVOC 2012 dataset, since the Matlab implementation struggled with the high dimensionality of the feature vectors and large number of samples in the dataset. For the multivariate kernel density estimation, we used Ihler’s publicly available Matlab toolkit [4]. However, the KDE method did not run on the PascalVOC 2012 dataset due to the large volume of data. Thus, the experiments omit KDE results for that dataset.

The experiments trained a one-class classifier for each class in the datasets. Recall that one-class classifiers only use positive samples for training. To evaluate the performance of the one-class classifiers, the experiments used the remaining classes as negative samples (i.e., novel class instances). The tested datasets are unbalanced in this setting since there are more instances from the negative class compared to the positive class. Note that common metrics such as precision, recall, and f1-measure are sensitive to unbalanced datasets. This is because they depend on the counts of true positives, false positives, and false negatives.

Fortunately, the Matthews correlation coefficient (MCC) [17] is known to be robust to unbalanced datasets. The MCC ranges between \(-1\) and \(+1\). A coefficient of \(+1\) corresponds to perfect prediction, \(0\) corresponds to an equivalent performance of random classification, and \(-1\) corresponds to a perfect disagreement between predictions and ground truth labels; see Appendix D material for more details about MCC.

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\[ \text{Table I} \]

| Kernel | KDE | KPCA | SVDD | OCSVM | OCSSVM |
|--------|-----|------|------|-------|--------|
| Linear | -   | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.02  | 0.14   |
| RBF    | 0.18| 0.17 | 0.11 | 0.07  | 0.39   |
| Intersection | - | 0.18 | 0.01 | 0.04  | 0.26   |
| Hellinger | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.13  |
| \(\chi^2\) | -   | 0.18 | 0.02 | 0.02  | 0.18   |

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Figure 3 shows the results of this experiment. It visualizes the performance of the tested classifiers across classes for different kernels. Table I presents a performance summary per kernel and per method. The results shown in Figure 3 and Table I only include a comparison of the KDE method and the one-class classifiers with an RBF kernel since the KDE method uses a Gaussian kernel, which belongs to the RBF family. Because the experiment uses Matthews correlation coefficient (MCC), higher scores imply better performance. Thus, a consistent bright vertical stripe in a visualization indicates good performance across all the classes in the dataset for a particular kernel. The figure shows that the proposed OCSSVM tends to have a consistent bright vertical stripe across different kernels and classes. This can be confirmed in Table II where OCSSVM achieves the highest median MCC for all of the kernels. The visualizations also show that the proposed OCSSVM outperformed the SVM method consistently. Comparing the OCSSVM and the SVM columns in Table II confirms the better performance of the proposed method. Table II also shows that OCSSVM performed comparable or better than one-class kernel PCA (KPCA), kernel density estimation (KDE), and support vector data description (SVDD).

**B. Evaluation on PascalVOC 2012 Dataset**

The goal of this experiment is to assess the performance of the OCSSVM on a more complex dataset: PascalVOC 2012 [9]. This dataset contains 20 different visual classes (objects) and provides about 1,000 samples per class. It has been used mainly for object detection. The experiment used HOG [8] features for every object class. To mimic novel classes that an object detector encounters, the experiment randomly picked 10,000 background regions for which HOG features were computed. The dimensionality of these features per class ranges from 2,304 to 36,864. This experiment used high-dimensional feature vectors and a large number of samples. Consequently, the kernel density estimation (KDE)
the following relationships:

\[ \begin{align*}
\alpha_i \left( \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle - p_1 + \xi_i \right) &= 0 \\
\bar{\alpha}_i \left( p_2 + \bar{\xi}_i - \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle \right) &= 0 \\
\beta_i \bar{\xi}_i &= 0
\end{align*} \]

Before starting to analyze the cases, we need to remember the following relationships:

\[ \begin{align*}
w &= \sum_{i=0}^{m} (\alpha_i - \bar{\alpha}_i) \Phi(x) \\
\beta_i &= \frac{1}{\nu_1} - \alpha_i \\
1 &= \sum_{i} \alpha_i \\
\bar{\beta}_i &= \frac{\varepsilon}{\nu_2} - \bar{\alpha}_i \\
\varepsilon &= \sum_{i} \bar{\alpha}_i
\end{align*} \]

which are obtained by differentiating the Laplacian of our problem shown in Eq. (6) of the main submission.

A. Cases

1) Case \( \alpha_i = 0 \) and \( \bar{\alpha}_i = 0 \). Given this scenario we conclude using Equations (12), (13), (14), and (15) that

\[ \frac{\beta_i}{\bar{\beta}_i} = \frac{1}{\nu_1 \nu_2}. \]  

Therefore,

\[ \xi_i = \bar{\xi}_i = 0. \]  

This implies that there are no slack variables compensating for the inequalities in the primal problem shown in Eq. (4) and thus we conclude that

\[ \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle > p_1 \]  

\[ \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle < p_2. \]

2) Case \( 0 < \alpha_i < \frac{1}{\nu_1 \nu_2} \) and \( \bar{\alpha}_i = 0 \). In this case

\[ \begin{align*}
\beta_i &= \frac{1}{\nu_1} - \alpha_i > 0 \\
\bar{\beta}_i &= \frac{\varepsilon}{\nu_2}. 
\end{align*} \]

Therefore, the following must be true

\[ \begin{align*}
\xi_i &= 0 \\
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\end{align*} \]

3) Case \( \alpha_i = 0 \) and \( 0 < \bar{\alpha}_i < \frac{1}{\nu_1 \nu_2} \). In this case

\[ \begin{align*}
\bar{\beta}_i &= \frac{\varepsilon}{\nu_1 \nu_2} - \bar{\alpha}_i > 0 \\
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Therefore, the following must be true

\[ \begin{align*}
\xi_i &= 0 \\
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\end{align*} \]

4) Case \( 0 < \alpha_i < \frac{1}{\nu_1 \nu_2} \) and \( 0 < \bar{\alpha}_i < \frac{\varepsilon}{\nu_2} \). This implies that
\[ \begin{cases} \beta_i = \frac{x}{\nu m} - \alpha_i > 0 \\ \beta_i = \frac{1}{\nu m} - \alpha_i > 0 \end{cases} \] (24)

Therefore,
\[ \begin{cases} \xi_i = 0 \\ \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle = \rho < \rho_2 \\ \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle = \rho_1 \end{cases} \] (25)

Note that this case by construction of the primal problem should not happen. This case implies that the size of the slab (i.e., \( \rho_2 - \rho_1 \)) is zero. In other words, the two planes overlap. Therefore, there is no slab in the feature space and by construction this should not happen.

5) Case \( \alpha_i = \frac{1}{\nu m} \) and \( \alpha_i = 0 \). This situation implies that
\[ \begin{cases} \beta_i = 0 \\ \beta_i = \frac{1}{\nu m} - \alpha_i = 0 \end{cases} \] (26)

Therefore, we conclude that
\[ \begin{cases} \xi_i > 0 \\ \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle < \rho_2 \\ \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle = \rho_1 \end{cases} \] (27)

Another implication of this case is that the \( i \)-th sample is considered an outlier/novel sample with respect to the first plane.

6) Case \( \alpha_i = \frac{x}{\nu m} \) and \( \alpha_i = 0 \). This case implies that
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Again, the \( i \)-th sample is considered an outlier/novel sample with respect to the second plane.

7) Case \( \alpha_i = \frac{x}{\nu m} \) and \( 0 < \alpha_i < \frac{1}{\nu m} \). In this case we have
\[ \begin{cases} \beta_i = 0 \\ \beta_i = \frac{1}{\nu m} - \alpha_i > 0 \end{cases} \] (30)

Therefore,
\[ \begin{cases} \xi_i = 0 \\ \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle > \rho_2 \\ \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle = \rho_1 \end{cases} \] (31)

This implies that \( \rho_2 < \rho_1 \), which again, by construction cannot happen. Thus, this case must not occur.

8) Case \( \alpha_i = \frac{1}{\nu m} \) and \( 0 < \alpha_i < \frac{x}{\nu m} \). In this case we have
\[ \begin{cases} \beta_i = 0 \\ \beta_i = \frac{x}{\nu m} - \alpha_i > 0 \end{cases} \] (32)

Therefore,
\[ \begin{cases} \xi_i > 0 \\ \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle = \rho_2 \\ \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle = \rho_1 \end{cases} \] (33)

This implies that \( \rho_2 < \rho_1 \), which again, by construction cannot happen. Thus, this case must not occur.

9) Case \( \alpha_i = \frac{x}{\nu m} \) and \( \alpha_i = \frac{1}{\nu m} \). This implies that
\[ \begin{cases} \beta_i = 0 \\ \beta_i = \frac{x}{\nu m} - \alpha_i > 0 \end{cases} \] (34)

Therefore,
\[ \begin{cases} \xi_i > 0 \\ \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle > \rho_2 \\ \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle < \rho_1 \end{cases} \] (35)

This scenario implies that \( \rho_2 < \rho_1 \), which again, contradicts our construction of the problem. Therefore this must not occur.

We can conclude from the analysis of these cases that any plane contains the \( i \)-th sample when its corresponding dual satisfies \( 0 < \alpha_i < \frac{1}{\nu m} \) or \( 0 < \alpha_i < \frac{x}{\nu m} \) for the lower and higher hyperplanes, respectively. However, only one plane can contain the \( i \)-th sample at a time. Therefore, at the optimal point \( \alpha_i > 0 \) and \( \alpha_i > 0 \) does not occur. It only happens exclusively.

Thus, to recover the offsets \( \rho_1 \) and \( \rho_2 \) we need to collect all the points that satisfy either \( 0 < \alpha_i < \frac{1}{\nu m} \) or \( 0 < \alpha_i < \frac{x}{\nu m} \).

Thus,
\[ \rho_1 = \frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i:0 < \alpha_i < \frac{1}{\nu m}} \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle, \] (36)

where \( n_1 \) is the number of points that satisfy \( 0 < \alpha_i < \frac{1}{\nu m} \). In a similar fashion, we can recover offset \( \rho_2 \):
\[ \rho_2 = \frac{1}{n_2} \sum_{i:0 < \alpha_i < \frac{x}{\nu m}} \langle w, \Phi(x_i) \rangle, \] (37)

where \( n_2 \) is the number of points that satisfy \( 0 < \alpha_i < \frac{x}{\nu m} \).

**Appendix B**

**Toy Dataset Experiments**

The goal of this experiment is twofold: 1) obtain insight about our proposed method and visualize the computed decision function for two kernels: linear and radial basis function (RBF); and 2) explore the effect of \( \epsilon \) on the learned hyperplanes.
A. Parameter Exploration

The goal of this experiment is to determine a good value for the $\varepsilon$ parameter. To do so we generated a toy dataset composed of 1500 points drawn from a bivariate Normal distribution. We trained our one-class slab SVM using a linear kernel and an RBF kernel with $\gamma = 0.5$, with $\nu_1 = 0.1$ and $\nu_2 = 0.05$.

We varied the values of $\varepsilon$ in the interval $[\frac{1}{5}, \frac{5}{6}]$. A visualization of the hyperplanes is shown in Fig. 5 and Fig. 6. The visualizations show that there is no significant differences of the hyperplanes is shown in Fig. 5 and Fig. 6. The visualizations show that there is no significant differences in the learned hyperplanes when $\varepsilon$ is varied across kernels. To verify this, we calculated the fraction of points that were considered positive by each of the learned hyperplanes. The results are shown in Table III. Thus we conclude that the value of $\varepsilon$ does not affect significantly the learned hyperplanes.

B. Insight About One-Class Slab SVM

![Fig. 7. One-class slab SVM decision functions on a toy dataset. The support vectors as well as the hyperplanes are shown in red. (a) The computed slab using a linear kernel encloses most of the bivariate Normal points. (b) The “doughnut” like slab computed using a radial basis function (RBF) kernel captures two sets of points: points deviating from the norm, and points very close to the mean. (c) The extremes found by the RBF kernel can be explained via the density of the Mahalanobis distance between the mean and a point in the dataset. It is very unlikely to observe a point very close to the mean. (d) The chances of observing a point close to the mean becomes less unlikely when the dimensionality of the points increases. This can be seen by observing the Mahalanobis distance between the mean and a point in the dataset with dimensionality 16.](image)

For this experiment we set $\varepsilon = \frac{2}{5}$, $\nu_1 = 0.1$, and $\nu_2 = 0.05$. Our toy dataset is composed of 1500 points drawn from a bivariate Normal distribution. We trained our one-class slab SVM using a linear and an RBF kernel with $\gamma = 0.5$. We show a visualization of the computed decision functions in Fig. 7. The linear kernel finds a slab in the input space that captures most of the training data. The RBF kernel finds a slab in the input space that resembles a “doughnut” like slab. The RBF kernel identifies two sets of points that corresponds to the following extremes: 1) points that deviate significantly from the norm; and 2) points that fall very close to the norm. These sets of points can be verified to be “extreme” by analysing the density of the Mahalanobis distance between the mean and a point in the dataset. In Fig. 7(c), not only can we observe that points falling far from the mean are rare, but also points falling very close to the mean are; the peak of the density is close to zero, but it is not exactly zero. This becomes more evident when the dimensionality of points drawn from a multivariate Normal distribution increases; see Fig. 7(d) for an illustration.

### A.1. Parameter Exploration

| Kernel | $\varepsilon = 1/5$ | $\varepsilon = 2/5$ | $\varepsilon = 4/5$ | $\varepsilon = 5/6$ | $\varepsilon = 5/6$ |
|--------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Linear | 0.91               | 0.91               | 0.91               | 0.91               | 0.92               |
| RBF    | 0.90               | 0.90               | 0.90               | 0.90               | 0.90               |

### A.2. Insight About One-Class Slab SVM

In this section we present the parameters we used for the experiments presented in Section 3 of the main submission. These parameters were obtained after running a 5-fold cross validation using a validation set. The criterion was to maximize the recall rate.

A. One-class SVM parameters

The $\nu$ parameter converged to $\nu = 0.1$ for both datasets. The single kernel that required a parameter to be set, was the RBF kernel. For this kernel we show the parameters used for the letter and PascalVOC datasets in Table IV and Table V, respectively.

B. SVDD parameters

The support vector data description (SVDD) method requires a parameter $C$ for training. We present the $C$ parameter we used for both experiments and per kernel in Tables VI and VIII. The RBF kernel parameters used for the letter dataset and PascalVOC dataset are shown in Table VII and Table IX, respectively.

C. One-class Kernel PCA

The number of components used in both experiments was 16. The RBF kernel parameters ($\gamma$) that we used for the letter and PascalVOC datasets are shown in Table X and Table XI, respectively.

### A.3. Table III

Fraction of points that the one-class slab SVM considers as positive samples as a function of $\varepsilon$. The fraction of points labeled as positive samples did not change significantly regardless of the kernel and the value of $\varepsilon$.

### A.4. Table V

| RBF kernel parameter ($\gamma$) for the PascalVOC dataset. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Aeroplane Bicycle Bird Boat Bottle                        |
| 9.5367e-07 9.5367e-07 9.5367e-07 9.5367e-07 3.8147e-06  |
| Bus Car Cat Chair Cow                                     |
| 2.3842e-07 9.5367e-07 2.3842e-07 1.1921e-07 9.5367e-07  |
| Drinkable Dog Horse Motorcycle Person                     |
| 4.7684e-07 1.9212e-07 9.5367e-07 4.7684e-07 1.9212e-07  |
| Potplant Sheep Sola Train Tvmonitor                       |
| 1.9073e-06 1.9073e-06 2.3842e-07 9.5367e-07 4.7684e-07  |
Fig. 5. Learned hyperplanes with different $\varepsilon$ values and a linear kernel. The learned hyperplanes did not show a significant difference when varying $\varepsilon$.

Fig. 6. Learned hyperplanes with different $\varepsilon$ values and a RBF kernel. The learned hyperplanes did not show a significant difference when varying $\varepsilon$.

TABLE IV

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |
| 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |

TABLE VI

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |
| 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 |

TABLE VII

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |
| 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
The Matthews Correlation Coefficient

The MCC is computed as follows:

\[
\text{MCC} = \frac{TP \cdot TN - FN \cdot FP}{\sqrt{(TP + FP) \cdot (TP + FN) \cdot (TN + FP) \cdot (TN + FN)}},
\]

where the number of true positives (TP), true negatives (TN), false positives (FP), and false negatives (FN) are considered; true and false negatives are the correct and incorrect predictions of negative instances, respectively.

The MCC is positive when the product between TN \cdot TP is larger than FN \cdot FP, which only can occur when correct predictions take place. On the other hand, it is negative when the FN \cdot FP is larger than TN \cdot TP. The denominator ensures that the MCC metric falls in the \([-1, 1]\) range. The MCC metric is more robust for unbalanced datasets because the term
TABLE XIII

| RBF KERNEL PARAMETER ($\gamma$) FOR THE PASCAL VOC DATASET. |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Aeroplane         | Bicycle           | Bird              | Boat              | Bottle            |
| 9.536e-07         | 9.536e-07         | 9.536e-07         | 9.536e-07         | 3.8147e-06       |
| Bus               | Car               | Cat               | Chair             | Cow               |
| 2.3842e-07        | 9.536e-07         | 2.3842e-07        | 1.1921e-07        | 9.536e-07        |
| Diningtable       | Dog               | Horse             | Motorbike         | Person            |
| 4.7684e-07        | 1.9212e-07        | 9.5367e-07        | 4.7684e-07        | 1.1921e-07       |
| Pottedplant       | Sheep             | Sola              | Train             | Tvmonitor         |
| 1.9073e-06        | 1.9073e-06        | 2.3842e-07        | 9.5367e-07        | 4.7684e-07       |

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