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Introduction We introduce an explainable neural network for Unsupervised Video Anomaly Detection (UVAD). Video Anomaly Detection (VAD) is a critical area of research with extensive applications, especially in surveillance and security systems deployed in public spaces such as roads, factories, and shopping malls. The significance of VAD lies in its capacity to enhance safety and security measures by identifying unusual events or activities without requiring manually labeled abnormal videos for training.

Method The explainable neural network is designed to analyze features of individual objects, focusing on local characteristics to facilitate explainable anomaly detection. This structure enables the our neural network to provide detailed explanations for detected anomalies: for a frame detected abnormal, the areas of a frame that have significant contributions to the abnormality are recognized. Based on the local features of such areas, the actions or objects can be recognized and served for abnormality explanation.

Interface The web application's interface is illustrated in Fig. 1.

- On the left-hand side, users can configure settings, such as selecting the video path, adjusting the threshold for anomaly scores, and choosing models trained with various methods. The higher the threshold, the less sensitive the abnormality detection is.
- On the right-hand side, after initiating detection by clicking the "start detection" button, the application displays the input videos along with the detected anomaly scores and explanations for each video clip, which consists of 16 frames. Additionally, it visualizes the detection results by providing an illustration.
- Users can also access a history of detected anomalies by clicking button in the bottom of the interface.

A demonstration video could be found in here. It demonstrates the usage of our system over two widely used datasets, ShanghaiTech and UFC-crime, for abnormality detection and explanation from videos. It highlights both the use cases where our system perform well and where it meets its limitation.



Figure 1: Interface of the web application for the demostration.