Detection & Deletion of DDOS Attacks Using Multi-clustering Algorithm

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Abstract—Wireless sensor networks are mostly vulnerable to attacks. It’s difficult to find/track attacker due to mobility. Indeed, the numbers of new attacks as well as their sophistication are continuously increasing. Diametrically opposite strategy has been studied in the last few years such as unsupervised anomaly detection (UAD). UAD uses data mining techniques to extract patterns and uncover similar structures “hidden” in unlabeled traffic or unknown nature (attack or normal operation traffic), without relying on Digital signatures or baseline traffic profiles. Based on the observation that attacks, particularly the most difficult ones to detect are contained in a small fraction of traffic flows with respect to normal operation traffic so we propose a paramount advantage of unsupervised, knowledge-independent detection algorithms based on clustering. The main aim is to combine the clustering results provided by multiple independent partitions of the same set of flows and filtering out biased groupings. We focus on the detection and characterization of standard and well-known attacks, which facilitates the interpretation of results. Denial of service (DOS), distributed DOS (DDOS), network scans, and worm propagation are examples of such standard network attacks. The approach can easily be generalized to detect other kinds of anomalies and attacks.

Index Terms — Unsupervised anomaly detection (UAD), Denial of service (DOS), Distributed DOS (DDOS)

I. INTRODUCTION

A wireless sensor network (WSN) is a collection of sensors with limited resources that collaborate to achieve a common goal. It consists of spatially distributed autonomous sensors to monitor physical or environmental conditions such as temperature, sound, vibration, pressure, motion or pollutants and to cooperatively pass their data through the network to a main location.

The more modern networks are bi-directional, also enabling control of sensor activity. The development of wireless sensor networks was motivated by military applications such as battlefield surveillance; today such networks are used in many industrial and consumer applications, such as industrial process monitoring and control, machine health monitoring, and so on.

Area monitoring
Area monitoring is a common application of WSNs. In area monitoring, the WSN is deployed over a region where some phenomenon is to be monitored. A military example is the use of sensors to detect enemy intrusion; a civilian example is the geo-fencing of gas or oil pipelines.

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Fire brigade will be able to know when a fire is started and how it is spreading.

**Greenhouse monitoring**

Wireless sensor networks are also used to control the temperature and humidity levels inside commercial greenhouses. When the temperature and humidity drops below specific levels, the greenhouse manager must be notified via e-mail or cell phone text message, or host systems can trigger misting systems, open vents, turn on fans, or control a wide variety of system responses.

**Landslide detection**

A landslide detection system makes use of a wireless sensor network to detect the slight movements of soil and changes in various parameters that may occur before or during a landslide. And through the data gathered it may be possible to know the occurrence of landslides long before it actually happens.

**Industrial monitoring**

**Machine health monitoring**

Wireless sensor networks have been developed for machinery condition-based maintenance (CBM) as they offer significant cost savings and enable new functionalities. In wired systems, the installation of enough sensors is often limited by the cost of wiring. Previously inaccessible locations, rotating machinery, hazardous or restricted areas, and mobile assets can now be reached with wireless sensors.

**Water/wastewater monitoring**

There are many opportunities for using wireless sensor networks within the water/wastewater industries. Facilities not wired for power or data transmission can be monitored using industrial wireless I/O pollution control board.

**Agriculture**

Using wireless sensor networks within the agricultural industry is increasingly common; using a wireless network frees the farmer from the maintenance of wiring in a difficult environment. Gravity feed water systems can be monitored using pressure transmitters to monitor water tank levels, pumps can be controlled using wireless I/O devices and water use can be measured and wirelessly transmitted back to a central control center for billing. Irrigation automation enables more efficient water use and reduces waste.

**Structural monitoring**

Wireless sensors can be used to monitor the movement within buildings and infrastructure such as bridges, flyovers, embankments, tunnels etc... enabling Engineering practices to monitor assets remotely without the need for costly site visits, as well as having the advantage of daily data, whereas traditionally this data was collected weekly or monthly, using physical site visits, involving either road or rail closure in some cases. It is also far more accurate than any visual inspection that would be carried out.

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The unsupervised detection of network attacks are based on clustering techniques and outliers detection. Different clustering algorithms produce different partitions of data, and even the same clustering algorithm provides different results when using different initializations or different algorithm parameters. This is in fact one of the major drawbacks in current cluster analysis techniques: the lack of robustness.

**II. NETWORK ATTACK**

We focus on the detection and characterization of standard and well-known attacks, which facilitates the interpretation of results. Denial of service (DOS), distributed DOS (DDOS), network scans, and worm propagation are examples of such standard network attacks. The approach can easily be generalized to detect other kinds of anomalies and attacks. Network traffic monitoring has become an essential means for detection of network attacks. Wireless sensor networks are mostly vulnerable to attacks. It’s difficult to find /track attacker due to mobility. Indeed, the numbers of new attacks as well as their sophistication are continuously increasing.

Different approaches studied are Signature-based detection systems, Supervised anomaly detection, unsupervised anomaly detection[4]. Signature-based detection systems are based on extensive knowledge of the particular characteristics of each attack, referred to as its signature. The signature based detection detect what is known. It does not detect any unknown signatures. Supervised anomaly detection relies on the existence of some kind of baseline profile with special and complicated algorithms such a watchdog or sign based detection system for normal operation that deviate from normal traffic. The supervised anomaly detection detects what is different from what is known. Detect anomalies [8] as traffic events that deviate from normal traffic. It requires strong knowledge about what is seen “normally” that is about the basic behavior. It is difficult to maintain up to date normal operation profile.

Unsupervised Anomaly Detection [9] uses data mining techniques to extract patterns and uncover similar structures “hidden” in unlabeled traffic of unknown nature. The unsupervised detection of network attacks is
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### III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

An alternative clustering approach is presented to perform robust unsupervised detection of attacks. The main idea is to combine the clustering results provided by multiple independent partitions of the same set of flow. The combination of multiple evidence [6] on flow groupings adds robustness to the process of separating malicious from normal operation traffic. Automatic characterization and updation of attacks is used to find out the variation of flow.

To show the concept on robust unsupervised detection [1] approach a complete system is developed to detect network attacks without any kind of signatures or previous knowledge of context traffic. Information provided by the multi-clustering[1],[6] approach is to characterize an identified group of malicious flows, automatically producing easy-to-interpret signatures of the attack. These signatures provide useful information on the nature of the attack, and can be directly exported to any security device (e.g., IDS, IPS, firewall) to easily detect its occurrence in the future.

### Examples of the features

Table 3.1 Different features used to detect and characterize standard network attacks

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<td>NDsttsPorts</td>
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The list of features in the Table 3.1 includes standard and very basic traffic descriptors, which permits to characterize detected anomalies[8] in easy-to-interpret terms. The features are good enough to detect and characterize standard network attacks such as DoS, DDoS, and network scans.

### IV. IMPLEMENTATION

#### A. Node Creation

Create Wireless Sensor Network. Then selecting source and destination. Requesting packet from source to destination. Reply packet is sent from destination to source via shortest path. Packets are transferred via shortest path. Analysing the performance of normal data traffic.

#### B. Traffic Generation

In the fig.4.2, Topology for more number of nodes are shown. Transmission of packets between the nodes is done. Parameters such as throughput, end to end delay, packet delivery ratio are calculated.
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**C. Network Attack**
In the fig.4.3, Topology for more number of nodes are shown. Transmission of packets between the nodes with implementing DDOS (Distributed Denial of Service) attack is done. Parameters such as throughput, end to end delay, packet delivery ratio are calculated.

**D. Unsupervised Detection With Signal Strength Analysis technique**
In the figure 4.4, Topology of wireless sensor network with more number of nodes. Transfer of packets between the nodes. Unsupervised detection (by forming clustering methods) technique[1] is used to detect malicious nodes. Detection of DDOS attack and deletion of malicious node is done using Robust Multiclustering based detection algorithm with Signal Strength Analysing technique. Transmission rate and overall traffic is calculated.

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**Figure 4.2: Topology of more nodes for traffic generation**

**Figure 4.3: Implementing DDOS attack**
Figure 4.4: Detection and deletion of malicious nodes using unsupervised detection technique

E. Access Point Analysis With Network Traffic Level
In the figure 4.5, topology for more number of nodes with access point. Access point analysis of traffic level to detect malicious nodes. Sharing information of malicious nodes to other nodes and stopping communication with malicious nodes.

Figure 4.5: Access point analysis

V. CONCLUSION
In this paper, study of malicious nodes is evaluated and unsupervised detection with clustering formation is implied to find the characteristics of attacks. Malicious nodes are avoided to safeguard the network performance. Although malicious nodes are detected accordance with changes in one of the parameter, the adversary node can make changes in other parameters and it may affect the performance of network. Acquired information of traffic level and data rate of normal nodes are sent to access point. Access point analysis then network traffic level and detects the attacker. Access point sent attacker
information to other nodes to avoid attacker and to stop communication. Thereby, network can be protected from malicious nodes and network will be safe.

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