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OPTIMIZATION FOR INTRUSION
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ABSTRACT

Internet has become vulnerable place due to the rapid advancement of technology. The need of security approaches that will protect this sensitive information has never been more crucial. Intrusion detection system (IDS) is playing a pivotal role to provide an extra layer of security in the network. In order to effectively detecting network intrusion, one requires to gathering a large volume of data. This high dimension data needs to be synthesized and filter from redundant and irrelevant features to improve the performance of IDS. However, the existing technique unable to performed well in terms of accuracy, detection rate and false positive rate. Therefore, this research proposed a Pearson Correlation and Hyperparameter Optimization for improving the performance of IDS. Pearson Correlation is used for selecting the optimal number of features which are most useful for identifying the attacks. To further improve the classifier algorithms, an optimization module named Tune Model Hyperparameter is applied. There are 3 datasets used in this research, namely NSL-KDD, KDD 99 and CICIDS2017. After the relevant features are selected, these synthesized data was tested on three classifier algorithms, Support Vector Machine (SVM), Decision Forest and Neural Network. The results indicate that the proposed method performs better with Decision Forest algorithm in terms of accuracy, detection rate and false positive rate at the value of 99.9%. Moreover, compared with most of the existing state-of-the-art and legacy techniques, this proposed method exhibits better performance under classification metrics in the context of classification accuracy.

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