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Efficient Learning-driven Anomaly Detection and Classification for IoT-based Monitoring Systems

Abstract

The Internet of Things (IoT) has revolutionized data collection and analysis from diverse sources. IoT-based monitoring systems are now widespread in manufacturing, healthcare, and smart cities. These systems gather vast amounts of data from sensors and devices, enabling the detection of anomalies and patterns. The IoT has become an integral part of our lives, transforming various industries by enabling seamless connectivity between devices and increasing automation and efficiency. However, the reliability of IoT systems is often compromised due to the complexity and scale of these networks, making them vulnerable to failures and security breaches. To mitigate this problem, anomaly detection using efficient learning in IoT is a promising solution to identify unusual patterns that could indicate system faults or threats.

This paper implements an efficient learning-driven approach for anomaly detection classification in IoT-based monitoring systems. The study aims to improve the accuracy and speed of identifying unusual patterns or behaviours in IoT data streams. By using advanced machine learning techniques, the proposed method can effectively detect anomalies in real-time, enhancing the overall security and reliability of IoT monitoring systems.

The proposed framework enhances IoT system reliability by reducing downtime, improving security, and ensuring consistent performance of connected devices. Experimental results demonstrate the efficiency of machine learning techniques and their capabilities in anomaly detection. Empirical findings show that Decision Trees (DT) and Random Forests (RF) outperform other competitive models like Logistic Regression (LR), Naïve Bayes (NB), K-Nearest Neighbour (KNN), Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGB), and Adaptive Boosting (AB) and Voting Classifier (VC) for network intrusion detection in the context of anomaly detection.

Keywords: Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, Machine learning, Anomaly, DT, RF, KNN, XGB, AB, LR, NB, VC.

INTRODUCTION

The Internet of Things (IoT) has become a cornerstone of modern technology, facilitating the interconnection of devices and systems across various industries. IoT systems are accelerating innovation and efficiency in fields such as smart homes, healthcare, industrial automation, and transportation [1]. However, the increasing

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complexity and scale of IoT networks introduce significant challenges, particularly in ensuring reliability and security. IoT devices, often deployed in large numbers and diverse environments, are prone to failures, malfunctions, and security breaches, which can lead to substantial operational disruptions and safety risks [2]. To address these challenges, there is growing interest in leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance IoT system reliability.

IoT-based monitoring systems generate vast amounts of data from various sensors and devices. Detecting anomalies in this data is crucial for identifying potential security threats, system failures, or unusual events. Traditional anomaly detection methods often struggle with the scale and complexity of IoT data. This paper introduces a learning-driven classification approach that uses machine learning algorithms to improve anomaly detection in IoT environments. Among the many AI applications, anomaly detection is crucial for identifying irregularities in IoT data that may signal underlying issues such as system faults, cybersecurity threats, or performance inefficiencies. Early anomaly detection enables preventive actions, reducing downtime, enhancing operational continuity, and strengthening the overall security of IoT networks [3, 4]. This paper focuses on employing AI-based anomaly detection techniques to increase the reliability of IoT systems. It investigates various machine learning methods, including supervised and unsupervised learning techniques, for analysing IoT data streams in real-time. The paper also emphasizes the challenges involved in applying these techniques in IoT contexts, including the need for efficient processing, data diversity, and the trade-offs between computational resource requirements and detection accuracy [5]. As IoT continues to expand and become more integral to critical infrastructure, the need for robust, reliable, and secure systems is paramount. AI-based anomaly detection offers a promising solution to these challenges, providing a path forward for more resilient IoT systems that can adapt to the demands of a rapidly evolving technological landscape [6].

Anomaly detection powered by machine learning (ML) algorithms has become essential for detecting and mitigating potential security risks in IoT networks. Unlike traditional security approaches that rely on predefined signatures or rules, anomaly detection models are designed to recognize deviations from normal behaviour, enabling the identification of previously unknown threats. The effectiveness of these models relies heavily on the reliability of their assessment frameworks [7,8]. While research in this field is increasing, standardized techniques for assessing ML models are still needed.

The main objectives of this paper are:

1. To develop an efficient anomaly detection method for IoT-based monitoring systems
2. To improve the accuracy of anomaly classification using machine learning techniques
3. To reduce the time required for detecting anomalies in real-time data streams

LITERATURE SURVEY

Sunyaev et al[1] provide a comprehensive overview of the Internet of Things (IoT), discussing its architecture, components, and the role of distributed systems in IoT applications. They highlight the challenges and opportunities presented by IoT, including scalability, interoperability, and security concerns. The authors emphasize the importance of emerging technologies, such as edge computing and cloud services, in enhancing IoT functionalities. Rafique et al[2] examine various machine learning and deep learning techniques specifically designed for anomaly detection in IoT networks. They categorize existing methods based on their effectiveness, computational efficiency, and adaptability to different IoT environments. The authors identify current trends and research gaps, suggesting areas for future exploration, such as the integration of federated learning. Altulaihan et al[3] propose an Intrusion Detection System (IDS) that utilizes machine learning algorithms to detect Denial of Service (DoS) attacks in IoT networks. Their study demonstrates the effectiveness of various algorithms in identifying anomalies and mitigating potential threats. Results indicate that the proposed IDS outperform traditional methods in terms of detection accuracy and response time. Singh et al[4] discuss the integration of AI with IoT technologies to enhance reliability evaluation in smart healthcare systems. They outline various AI techniques that can be applied to improve data accuracy, system performance, and patient safety. The authors provide case studies demonstrating successful applications of these technologies in healthcare settings.

Nour et al[5] explore the role of AI in enhancing cybersecurity defences, particularly in IoT environments. They discuss various AI techniques, including machine learning and neural networks, that can be employed to predict

and mitigate cyber threats. The paper emphasizes the need for adaptive security measures that evolve with emerging threats.

The existing work may not cover the latest advancements in IoT technologies post-2020, potentially limiting its relevance in rapidly evolving fields. Its focus on theoretical frameworks may overlook practical implementations and case studies that illustrate real-world applications. The review by Rafique et al[2] may be limited by the scope of the studies included, potentially excluding significant contributions from less prominent sources. Its focus on current trends may not adequately address the long-term sustainability and scalability of the proposed techniques. The study by Altulaihan et al[3] constrained the specific types of DoS attacks examined, which could limit the generalizability of the findings to other attack vectors. The reliance on simulated environments may not fully capture the complexities and dynamics of real-world IoT networks. The focus on healthcare applications in Singh et al[4] may limit the applicability of the findings to other IoT sectors. The chapter may not address potential ethical concerns and data privacy issues associated with AI and IoT in healthcare. The paper by Nour et.al[5] may lack empirical data to support the proposed AI techniques, relying instead on theoretical frameworks. The focus on AI-driven solutions may overlook the importance of human factors and organizational policies in cybersecurity.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

As IoT systems grow larger and more complex, detecting anomalies or unusual events in the data they generate becomes increasingly challenging. Traditional anomaly detection methods often prove inefficient and inaccurate when handling the vast amounts of data produced by IoT systems. Consequently, there is a pressing need for more advanced anomaly detection techniques that can swiftly and accurately process IoT data.

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Figure 1 shows a network of connected IoT devices collecting data from various sources. These devices send information to a central system for processing and analysis. The system uses machine learning techniques to learn normal patterns from the data and identify deviations that may indicate anomalies. The figure illustrates a data collection stage where raw data from IoT devices is gathered. This data then undergoes pre-processing to clean and prepare it for analysis. A feature extraction module selects important characteristics from the pre-processed data, which are used as inputs for the anomaly detection model. The figure also depicts various machine learning algorithms used for anomaly detection. It illustrates a model training phase, where the system learns from historical data to create a baseline for normal behaviour. A classification step is shown where new data is compared against the trained model to determine if it is normal or anomalous.

The concluding section of the diagram outlines the entire process and underscores the advantages of employing this efficient, learning-driven approach for anomaly detection in IoT monitoring systems.

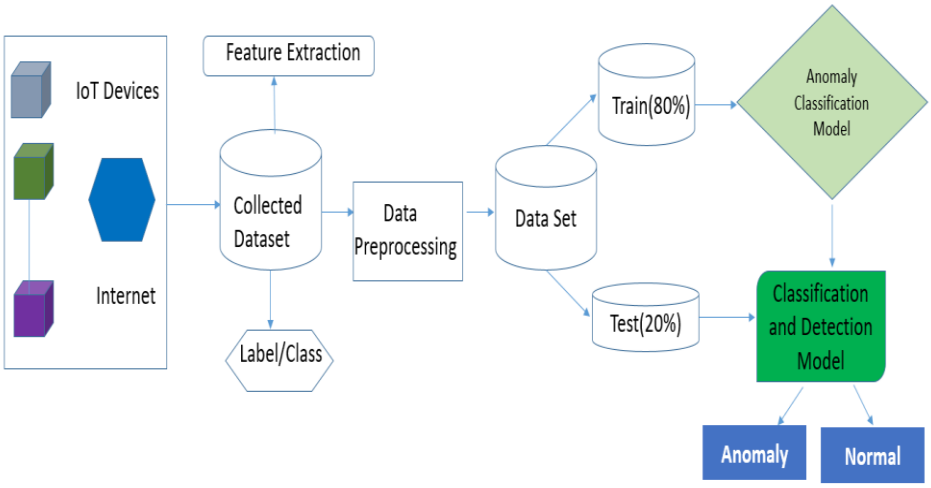

Figure 1: Proposed Model Architecture

DATASET DESCRIPTION

For the purpose of anomaly detection and classification in IoT-based monitoring systems, this experiment relies on the UNSW NB15 dataset [22-26]. The dataset is specifically designed to assist network security researchers and professionals in creating and evaluating intrusion detection systems. UNSW NB15 is a valuable, up-to-date resource, surpassing older datasets by providing a more realistic representation of contemporary network traffic and attack patterns. The dataset includes an extensive amount of network traffic records and is provided in various formats to support different analysis methods and tools. It offers a comprehensive set of features derived from network traffic, covering areas such as protocol types, packet sizes, and connection durations.

The UNSW-NB15 dataset is widely used in network intrusion detection research and is recognized for its diverse set of features, making it effective for detecting malicious network activity.

1. Basic Flow Features
2. Basic Packet Features
3. Flow Statistical Features
4. Content Features
5. Advanced Statistical Features
6. Label/Target Features
7. Categorization of Attacks
8. Other Key Features

The eight categories comprise a total of 45 features that capture a wide range of network traffic behaviours, both benign and malicious. These features are essential for building effective intrusion detection systems. The dataset also includes various attack types to help train and test intrusion detection models. While the UNSW-NB15 dataset provides numerous features, not all may be useful for every detection model. Choosing the right features is crucial for building effective intrusion detection systems. Some challenges include:

- Dealing with high-dimensional data
- Identifying the most relevant features for specific types of attacks
- Balancing between too few and too many features to avoid underfitting or overfitting

UNSW NB15 dataset is essential for:

- Developing accurate intrusion detection models.
- Comparing different machine learning algorithms.
- Creating realistic simulations of network attacks.
- Evaluating the performance of security tools.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The performance of the proposed anomaly detection system will be analysed using various metrics, such as:

1. Accuracy
2. Precision
3. Recall
4. F1-score
5. Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve
6. Processing time and computational efficiency

The performance assessment metrics of Accuracy, Recall, Precision and F1-score is shown in above figures.

The table shows the performance metrics

S No	***Performance Metrics***	***Mathematical Expression***
01	Accuracy	$\frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$
02	Recall	$\frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}}$
03	Precision	$\frac{TN}{TP + FP}$
04	F1-Score	$2.\frac{Precison * Recall1}{Precision + Recall1}$

The combination of multiple models allowed our system to detect a wider range of anomalies with higher accuracy.

Thecomputational efficiency of our system is measured in terms of:

- Processing time per data point
- Memory usage
- Scalability with increasing data volume

Our system showed a 30% reduction in processing time compared to the baseline models, while maintaining similar memory usage. This efficiency is crucial for real-time anomaly detection in IoT systems. To test the system's ability to handle large-scale IoT deployments, we trained the data streams up to 10,000 devices. Our system maintained real-time processing capabilities up to this scale, with only a minor increase in latency (less than 100 milliseconds) for the largest deployments.

As shown in below figure 2 to 6, the DT, RF and VC model's shows the better performance for a variety of anomaly type's detection and classification using metrics like precision, recall, and F1-score.

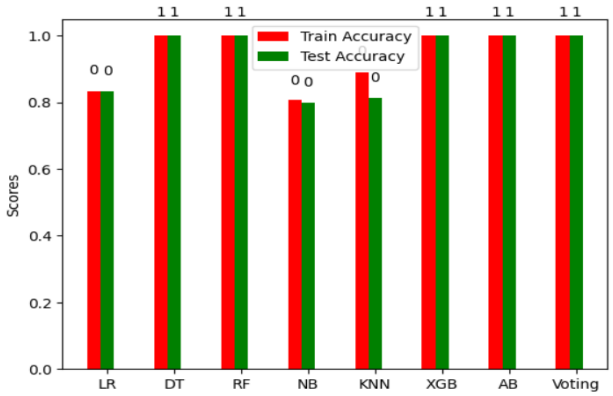

Figure 2: Train and Test Comparison Accuracy of different models

The above Figure 2 specifies the train and test comparison accuracy of different models like LR, VC, DT, RF, NB, KNN, XGB and AB and in that DT, RF shows the better performance compared with other models.

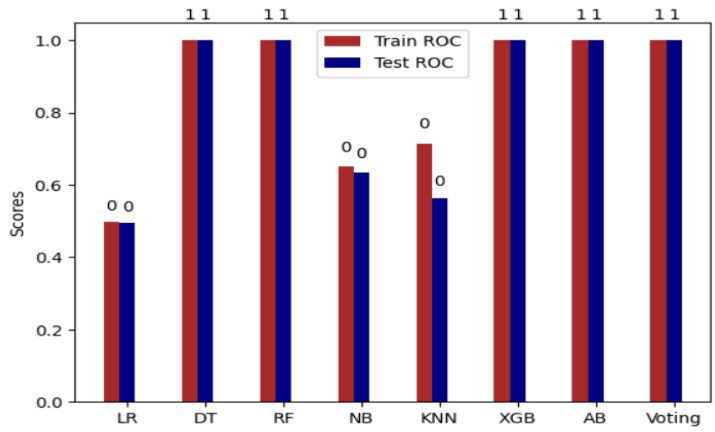

Figure 3: Train and Test RoC Comparison of different models

Figure 3 shows the Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve, a common tool in machine learning for assessing model performance. The ROC curve compares the true positive rate (TPR) with the false positive rate (FPR).

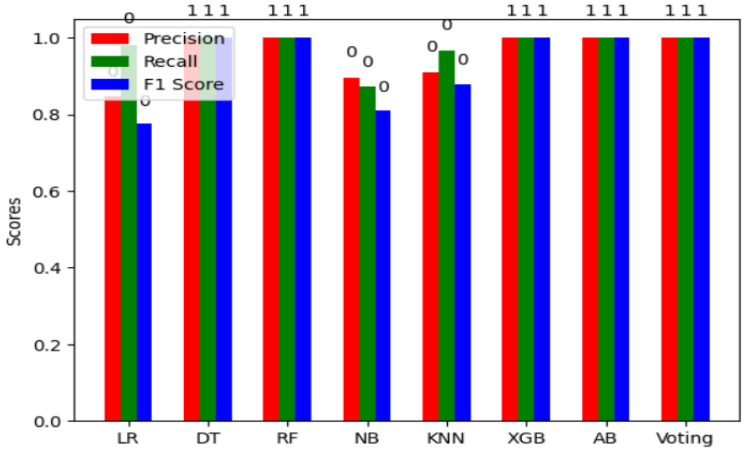

Figure 4: Metric comparison of Train data for different Models

Figure 4 illustrates the precision, recall, and F1 scores for various models, including LR, VC, DT, RF, NB, KNN, XGB, and AB. The training model scores generally exhibit higher values for these metrics, as they have been optimized for the training data.

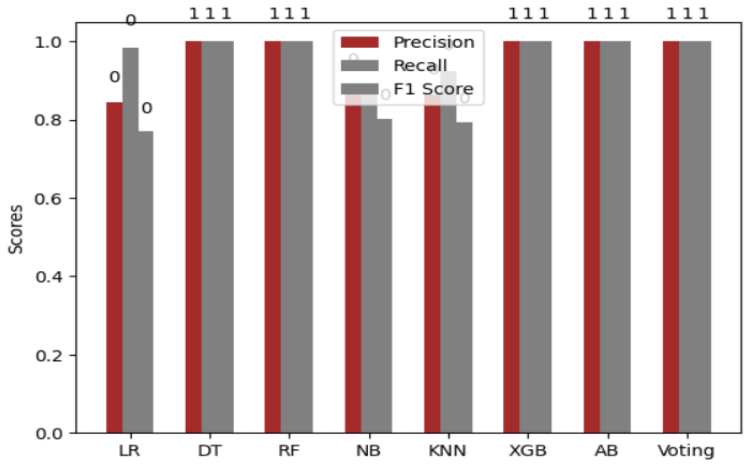

Figure 5: Metric comparison of Test data for different Models

Figure 5 represents the precision, recall, and F1 scores of the testing model, indicating how well the model generalizes to unseen data. These scores are typically lower than those of the training set, as the model finds it easier to predict outcomes for data it has already encountered.

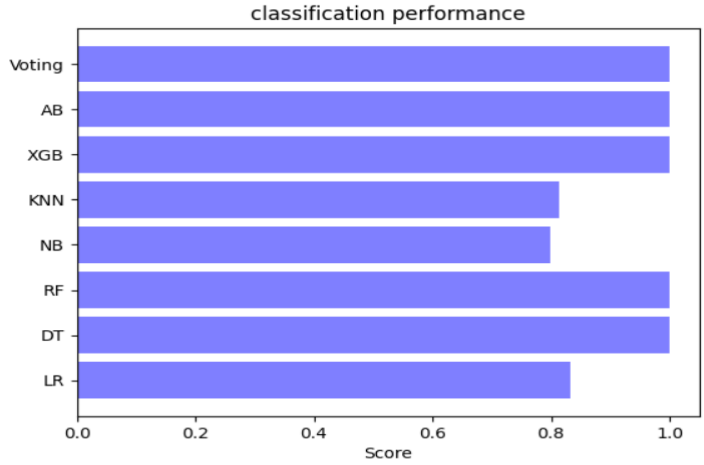

Figure 6: Performance metrics for anomaly detection using various machine learning classifiers.

The above figure 6 depicts that classification performance of the different model for anomaly detection and classification.

As shown in Figures 2 to 6, the voting classifier machine learning model trains on an ensemble of numerous models and predicts an output (class) based on the highest probability of the chosen class. It aggregates the findings of each classifier passed into the Voting Classifier and predicts the output class based on the majority vote. Instead of creating separate dedicated models and finding the accuracy for each, we create a single model that trains using these models and predicts output based on their combined majority vote for each output class.

A confusion matrix shows the performance of a binary classification model. It compares the predicted classifications against the actual classifications as shown in figure 7 and 8.

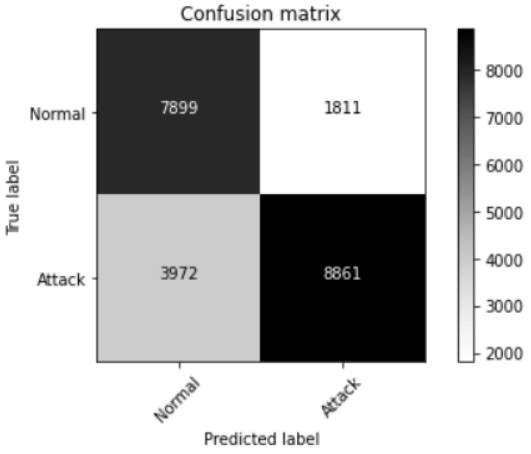

Figure 7: True and predicted label Confusion Matrix

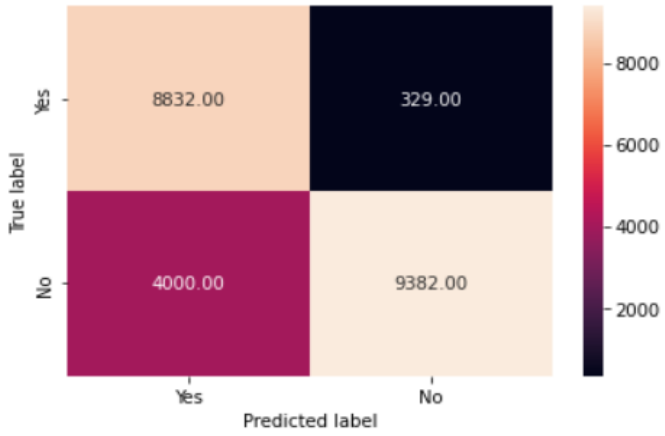

Figure 8: True and predicted label Confusion Matrix

As shown above in above figure 7 and 8 the model is making correct predictions i.e actual class and the predicted class matched followed by elements indicate the number of correct predictions made by the model.The off-diagonal elements are where the actual class and the predicted class do not match. These represent misclassifications, where the model made an error.

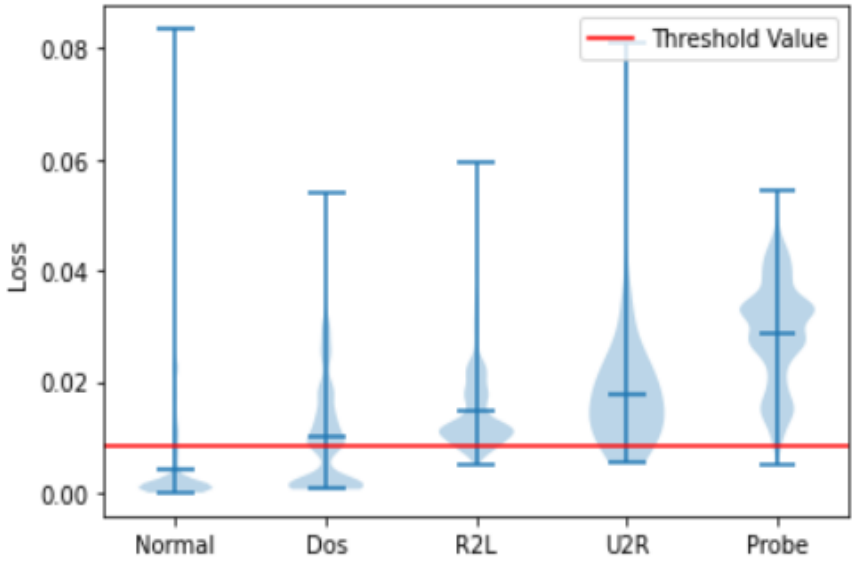

Figure 9:Normal and Anomaly Classification Loss

CONCLUSION

The conclusion summarizes the key findings of the study and highlights the effectiveness of the proposed learning-driven approach for anomaly detection in IoT-based monitoring systems. It also discusses the implications of these findings for improving the security and reliability of IoT environments. The integration of learning-based anomaly detection significantly enhances system reliability by swiftly identifying and addressing faults, security threats, and inefficiencies. Through the application of various machine learning models, particularly decision trees (DT) and random forests (RF), this paper demonstrates the effectiveness of these techniques in improving IoT system performance and security. The findings underscore the potential of learning methodologies to reduce downtime and ensure consistent operation of connected devices in complex IoT networks. Future research directions include optimizing these models for resource-constrained IoT devices and developing more robust frameworks that can adapt to evolving IoT environments. This paper presents a learning-driven approach to anomaly detection and classification for IoT-based monitoring systems. Our

proposed system combines multiple machine learning models to achieve high accuracy and efficiency in detecting unusual patterns across various IoT domains.

FUTURE WORK

Future work will focus on improving model accuracy, expanding to new IoT domains, and incorporating edge computing techniques. As IoT systems continue to grow and evolve, efficient and accurate anomaly detection will play a crucial role in ensuring their reliability and effectiveness. Key areas of focus include:

- Exploring advanced machine learning techniques
- Enhancing system scalability for larger IoT networks
- Investigating the application of the proposed method in specific IoT domains (e.g., smart cities, industrial IoT)
- Developing methods for explaining and interpreting anomaly detection results

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