

A collaborative IDS for Vehicular Ad-Hoc Networks C-VIDS using Data Mining Technique

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Abstract:

Vehicular ad hoc network (VANET) is a subclass of MANETs are vulnerable to various kinds of threats due to their dynamic nature and lack of central point of control. Vehicles (nodes) in VANETs share real-time information about their movements, traffic and road conditions. Existing cooperative IDS are vulnerable that share misleading and manipulated information and disrupts the IDS normal condition. Hence, in this paper proposed an intelligent collaborative model based on data mining for intrusion traffic detection system that can detect the attacks. As such, find friendly vehicle nodes in the network that continuously monitor the behavior of other vehicle nodes to find the anomalous behavior. For the performance of the proposed system NS-2 simulations were carried out. To evaluate the performance of proposed collaborative IDS scheme the various existing IDS models are used. The results clearly states that the proposed IDS considerably reduces the false positive rate, thereby proving that the proposed technique is capable of identifying anomalies in network better than other existing system.

Keywords: *VANET, Anomaly detection, Data mining, IDS, Collaborative IDS*

I. Introduction:

Ever increasing demand of the digital era has forced the researchers to continuously develop new emerging trends, particularly the wireless communication services, However security threats in the VANET present considerable challenges. Vanets being an Adhoc-network are at risk of misbehaviors because of lack of centralized administration [1].The malicious vehicular nodes can join the network and launch various types of attacks due to the lack of central point of control [2].The Vanet environment is highly dynamic with rapid dynamic topology in which the vehicle nodes are varying in speeds and density [3].the high mobility, varying density and network size introduce new vulnerabilities and challenges when applying IDS in vanet [4].

Many solutions have been proposed to protect vehicles from being a target of cyber-attacks.Prevention techniques digital signature, authentication, and encryption have been widely used as a first line of defense to prevent many types of external attacks.However, these preventive measures are in adequate for protection against the insider attacks.Due to the cooperative nature of VANET,malicious nodes or intruders can still perform malicious Denial of services [5-8]. An attack can be launched by a single node or multiple nodes in a cooperative manner. In internal and external attackers the internal attackers is the most dangerous and difficult to detect. In some attacks, multiple attackers synchronize their actions to disrupt a target network.

However, due to the cooperativenature of VANET, many of the recent proposed IDSs rely on the collaboration between vehicles todetect the intruders [9].In the cooperative IDS (CIDS), vehicles share knowledge related totheir detection experiences to help vehicles in the vicinity to detect the intruders more accurately. Motivated by this, collaborative IDS have been developed, with the purpose of strengthening a single IDS by collecting knowledge and learning experience from other vehicle IDS nodes. According to [10], collaborative IDS is expected to enhance the overall detection accuracy of intrusion vehicle assessment and will also improve the possibility of identifying novel attacks.

The main objective of this paper is to design a robust collaborative vehicular IDS that can effectively evaluate the trustworthiness of each vehicle node within the network and identify the intrusions in the network.

The collaborative Vanet IDS proposed in this paper uses data mining techniques for detecting attacks. Here we select the friendly vehicle nodes based on their trust that continuously monitor the behavior of other vehicle nodes in the network for any intrusions. The proposed Vanet IDS was evaluated by NS- 2 simulation which showed that the proposed system considerably reduced the false positive rate compared to other existing IDS, thereby proving that it is better than other existing systems.

Related Work:

Securing VANETs has attracted great interest of many researchers during the last years [11-18]. VANET is vulnerable to many security issues that can disrupt the functionality of these applications. The intrusion detection system for VANETs aims to detect internal as well as external attacks with high accuracy [17-18].

Acknowledgement scheme for Vanets requires all acknowledgement packets to be digitally signed by its sender and verified by its receiver. They used DSA and RSA as digital signatures and showed that this scheme is able to detect wide range of attacks. The drawback of this scheme is the requirement to digitally sign all the acknowledgements which increases computational overhead.

An watchdog IDS scheme of VANET which consists of two different modules, the watchdog and pathrater. In this scheme, the watchdog acts as an IDS for the VANET and detect malicious node behaviors in the network by listening to its next hop's transmission. If the Watchdog notices that its immediate next node fails to forward the packet within a given period of time then it increments the node's failure counter. If the failure counter of the monitored node exceeds a threshold value then the Watchdog reports the node as misbehaving. The Pathrater is then employed to inform the routing protocol to avoid the reported nodes for further data transmission. The drawback of this scheme is that it requires continuous monitoring by the Watchdog for detecting intrusions.

Machine learning methods were applied widely to solve IDS issues in different networks. For instance, the random forest (RF) method [13] to build automatically patterns of intrusions. Then, intrusions were detected by matching the network activities against the built patterns. To evaluate the performance of this model, the authors used the knowledge discovery data mining (KDD)'99 dataset. To handle the problem of imbalanced data, the two sampling down and over methods were applied. After that, the simulation was carried out on the WEKA environment for training and testing set. The experimental results showed that this approach achieved a high-detection rate of 94.7% with a low false-positive rate of 2%. In [19], the combination of the k-nearest neighbor (K-NN) method with a genetic algorithm was used.

A hybrid IDS model for Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) that uses both misuse and anomaly based IDS sub-modules to detect intrusion. The drawback of this approach is that the response times of the misuse based and anomaly based IDSs are different. It also introduces significant computational overhead due to processing of the same data traffic by two different IDSs.

Recently, several research have been published related to Machine Learning for intrusion detection in VANET. For instance, Shams et al. [20] proposed an approach combining the promiscuous mode for data collection and SVM for IDS in VANET. They aimed to analyze data to create a trust value for vehicles on the network as trust aware SVM-based IDS. The main idea was to guarantee that vehicles within the network have a complete idea about activities of their next hop, which will help to maintain high-performance in case of attacks.

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II. Proposed Methodology:

This paper propose a framework for detecting intrusion in VANET with the help of other specific nodes in the network. The proposed collaborative vehicle C-VIDS work in collaboration with other designated IDS vehicle nodes in the network. Mostly the friendly nodes are designated as IDS nodes. All the IDS nodes continuously monitor the behavior of other vehicle nodes in the network.

The nodes used in the C-VIDS maintain a list for formulating the attacks, and further, it has the information regarding the other friendly nodes in the VANET. The IDS node established in the MANET is referred to as the helpmate node. The IDS nodes employed in the framework have the freedom to choose its own friendly nodes. As provided in the architecture, the scheme employs the trust model for detecting the intruder nodes. The trust model has the information regarding the feedback node, and the packet information. The entire model for the intrusion detection is explained as follows:

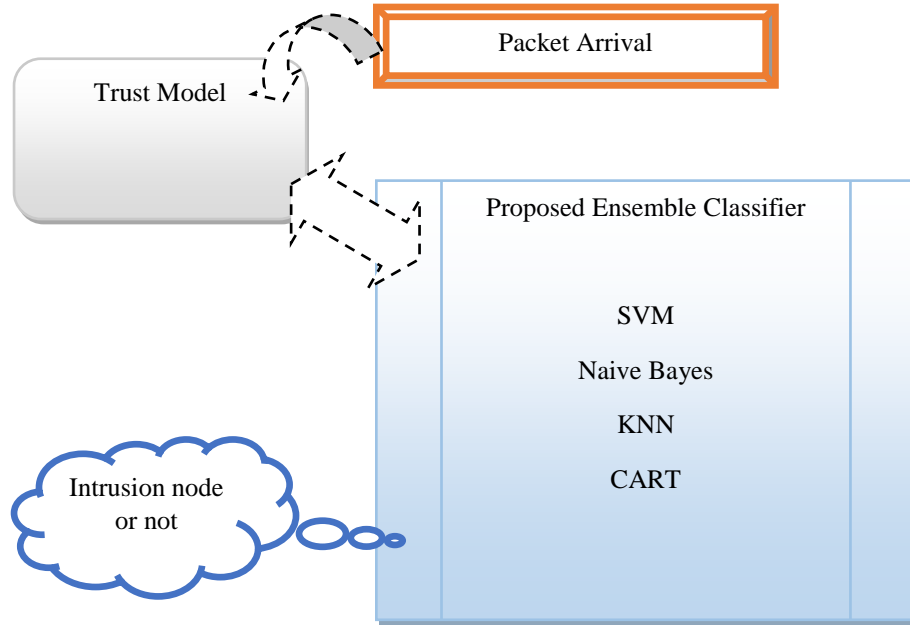


Figure 1 Architecture of the Proposed Collaborative Data Mining Algorithm for C-VIDS

Each IDS node maintains a list called *helpmates* that have details of other friendly IDS nodes with which it currently collaborates with. Each IDS node in the network has the freedom to choose its *friends* based on their own interest. The communications between collaborating IDS nodes are requests for intrusion alert evaluation and their corresponding feedbacks. An IDS node initiates a cooperative intrusion detection procedure under any of the two conditions. The first condition is that the IDS node cannot detect locally an intrusion anomaly and the second condition is that the evidence available locally is in conclusive and warrants broader investigation. The overall procedure works by propagating the intrusion detection state information among neighboring IDS nodes.

The helpmates are found by their trustworthiness. To evaluate the trustworthiness of a friendly IDS node, an IDS node can send a challenge to this target periodically using a random generation process (i.e., sending time is not fixed, but random). When receiving the feedback from the target node, the IDS node can give a score to reflect its satisfaction level. Since we define two types of trust including feedback-based trust (T_{fd}) and packet-based trust (T_{pt}), we develop a single metric called overall trust (T_{total}) to facilitate the trust evaluation as follows:

$$T_{total} = W_1 \times T_{fd} + W_2 \times T_{pt} \quad (1)$$

Where W_1 and W_2 are weight values and $W_1 + W_2 = 1$.

For the feedback based trust $T^{i,j}$ of node i according to node j , we can compute it by using the equation described as below:

$$T_{fd}^{i,j} = W_s \frac{\sum_{c=0}^n F_c^j \lambda^{ct}}{\sum_{c=0}^n \lambda^{ct}} \quad (2)$$

where, F_c^j indicates the score of the received feedback c and n signifies the total feedbacks provided to the system. The term λ refers to the forgetting factor. The term W_s refers to the significant weight and it has the

value of $W_s = \frac{\sum_{c=0}^n \lambda^{ct}}{m}$. The next trust factor used by the proposed trust scheme is expressed as,

$$T_{pt}^{i,j} = \frac{c + 1}{N + 2} \quad (3)$$

where, c and N signify the total received benign packets and received packets. The trust model incorporates the trustworthiness of a node j based on the weighted majority expressed as,

$$T_j = \frac{\sum_{T>r} T_{total}^{i,j} D_j^i I_S^i}{\sum_{T>r} T_{total}^{i,j} D_j^i} \quad (4)$$

where, r signifies the threshold for the alert ranking. The terms I_S^i and D_j^i signify the intrusion sensitivity and the hops amidst the nodes i and j . The trust value of the node j can have value amidst $[0,1]$ and the information is fed to the classifier.

Once the helpmates are found the IDS nodes uses a system that contains an ensemble of four methods for detecting intrusion. These methods work as follows:

a) Support vector machine (SVM)

SVM[20] is a supervised machine learning method for classification and regression analysis. The principle of SVM is to find the best hyper plane to separate the data into two parts. A SVM model consists of the samples represented as points in space. The samples of the different categories are divided by hyper plane. This hyper plane always maximizes the margin between those two regions or classes. The margin is defined by the farthest distance between the samples of the two classes and computed based on the distances between the closest samples of both classes, which are called supporting vectors.

Test samples are then mapped into the same space. Based on which sides of the hyper plane they fall on, test samples are predicted to belong to the corresponding categories.

b) Classification and regression tree (CART)

CART is a method based on the Gini index. It usually uses a top down approach when CART constructs a decision tree. Decision tree [21] is a categorization model that recursively partitions the training data into a tree structure. In the experiments, we first put all the training samples at the root node. We then search the best partition of the root node so that the Gini impurity can reduce to minimum. Gini impurity represents the possibility that a randomly selected sample is classified into the wrong subset. When all the samples of a node belong to one class, Gini impurity equals to zero. We use the best partition to divide root node into two parts, each of which is seen as a new node. This process is then repeated on the new nodes.

c) Naive Bayes (NB)

Naïve Bayes is a probabilistic classifier based on Bayes theorem. Given test sample, we need to calculate the probabilities of the appearance of various categories under the condition of the appearance of a test sample. The sample belongs to the category whose probability is the largest.

d) K-Nearest Neighbor (K-NN)

K-NN algorithm is an on-parametric statistical methods for categorization and regression. It classifies a test sample by measuring the distance between the training samples and test sample. We need to choose k nearest samples and use majority voting to predict which category the sample belongs to.

To exert the advantage of each algorithm and to further improve the accuracy of detection and categorization, we employ the ensemble of multiple classifiers with majority voting after obtaining the classification results of the five algorithms described above. When a test app is given as input, each base classifier predicts its classification. All the five prediction results will then vote to generate a final prediction.

Ensemble Classification

After providing the trust model to the ensemble classifier, the majority voting is enabled by the proposed scheme. The proposed scheme analyzes the results of the four classifiers and votes the result having the major impact on the detection result. As the ensemble classifier enables the advantages of the classifier, the classification results are more accurate.

III. Results and Discussion:

We have implemented our proposed model C-VIDS in the network simulator NS2 installed on Ubuntu 12.04 running gcc version 4.6.3. We restrict the movements of mobile nodes to a predefined flat grid area. Table-1 lists the various parameters used for our simulation.

Parameters	Value
Simulation	8000-15000s
NumberOfNodes	50,100,150
SimulationArea	600x600 m2
TransmissionRange	150m
Mobility	RandomWayPoint
RoutingProtocol	DSR
MACLayer	DCFofIEEE802.11
Max.NodeMovementSpeed	20m/s
PauseTime	500s
TrafficType	CBR/UDP
PacketSize	512Bytes
MAC Protocol	IEEE 802.11
Sampling Interval	3s

Table-1.NS2simulation-Parameters.

Evaluation Metrics

The performance analysis of the proposed collaborative data mining algorithm is done through six metrics, classification accuracy, TPR, FPR, F-measure, PDR, and routing overhead.

TCL scripts were used to generate which contain data related to normal profile and simulated attacks. The sampling rate of 3 s is used to record the values. The rules extracted from the set traces are then used to build the normal and abnormal behaviour of the network. In order to compare efficiency of proposed algorithm, the test traces were used to compute the classification accuracy using the following parameters:

- Accuracy
- TruePositiveRate(TPR)
- FalsePositiveRate(FPR)
- Precision
- Recall
- F-measure

The detection results of the proposed IDS using each classifier are shown in Table-2. It is seen that the TPR of ensemble are the highest among the five methods, achieving 98.25%. This method also achieves the accuracy of 99.39% in the detection of intrusion after employing ensemble of the four classifiers with majority voting mechanism. In general, our method outperforms SVM, CART, NB and K-NN.

Classifier	Accuracy (%)	TPR (%)	FPR (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F-measure (%)
SVM	98.82	96.07	3.39	92.79	95.09	93.93
CART	99.23	95.83	0.52	93.31	95.83	94.55
NB	76.46	90.92	24.63	21.73	90.92	35.08
K-NN	97.95	76.69	0.45	92.73	76.69	83.95
Ensemble	99.39	98.25	0.15	97.94	93.25	95.54

Table-2. The detection result of proposed IDS model with four base classifiers as well as with ensemble of classifiers.

We have evaluated the performance of our proposed collaborative C-VIDS scheme with various other models like SRPDBG [22], Cross Layer [23], SPF, Watchdog, TWOACK and EAACK[24]. The following metrics were used for evaluation of the proposed C-VIDS scheme with other IDS schemes:

- Packet delivery ratio (PDR) refers to the ratio of the number of packets delivered to the destination node against the number of packets generated by the source node.
- Routing overhead (RO) refers to the overhead involved in transmission due to introduction of additional routing control packets.

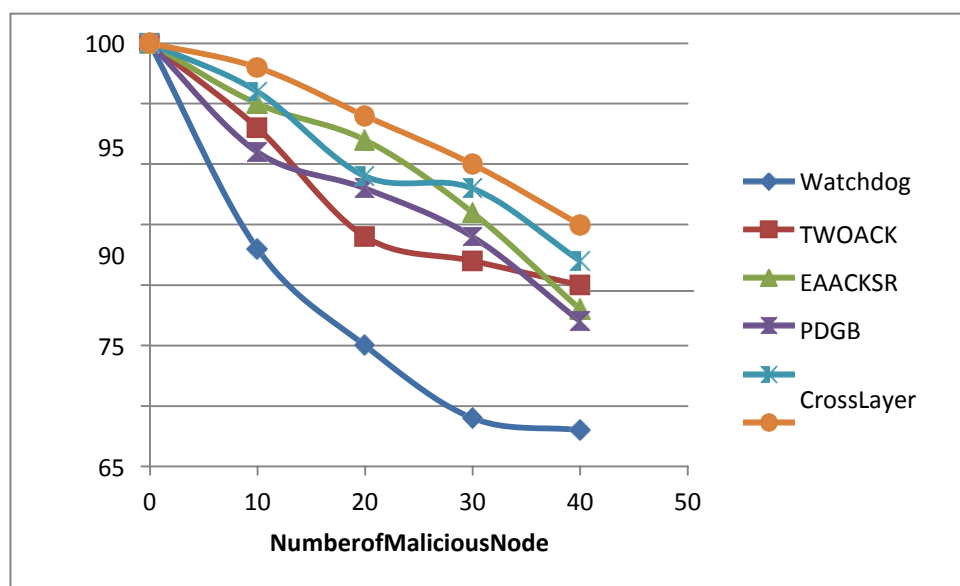


Figure-2. Packet delivery ratio

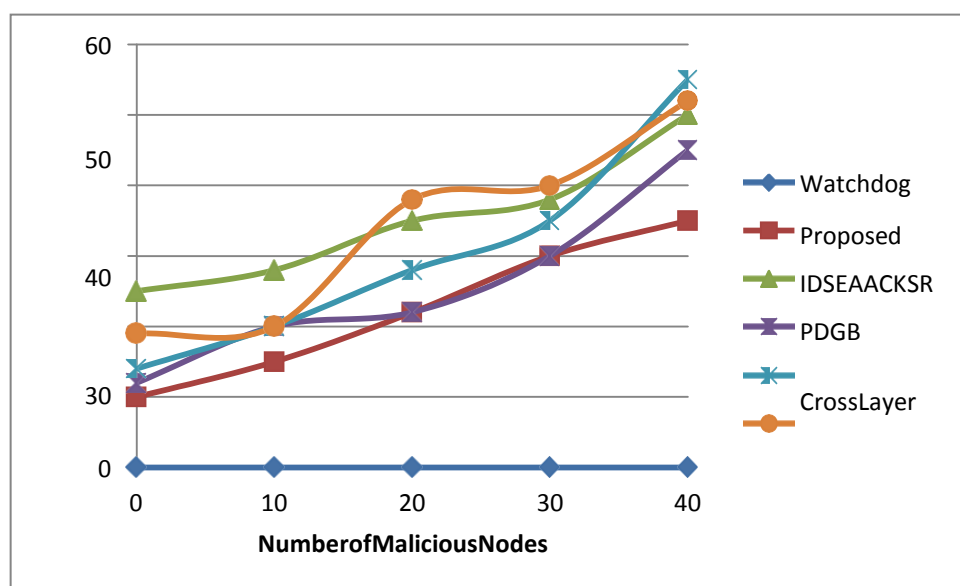


Figure-3. Routing overhead.

Figures 2 and 3 show the *PDR* and *RO* of the various IDS schemes under varying percentage of malicious nodes. It can be observed from these figures that all the four schemes (TWOACK, EAACK, SRPDBG and proposed IDS) have higher *PDR* than the simple WatchDog scheme. The *PDR* of our proposed IDS scheme is comparable to that of EAACK and Cross Layer schemes, while it outperforms the TWOACK and SRPDBG schemes. On the other hand, the Watchdog scheme has the least *RO*, as it does not use any acknowledgment scheme to detect misbehaving nodes.

The *RO* of the proposed IDS is less than the TWOACK, EAACK and Cross Layer schemes but higher than the SRPDBG scheme. The *RO* of the proposed IDS scheme is also better than the other existing IDS primarily due to fewer exchanges of control messages for detecting intrusion.

Conclusion and Future work:

In this work, we propose a collaborative framework for C-VIDS in VANET to detect intrusion packets and normal packets with ensemble off our classifiers. Given a packet, our collaborative C-VIDS framework will set an alarm if the packet is identified as malicious. Otherwise, it will be categorized as a normal packet. We employ ensemble off our classifiers, namely, SVM, CART, NB and K-NN with majority voting for the detection of intrusion and the normal packets. The experimental results show that our ensemble method is more robust than the other four base classifiers in the detection. In the experiments of intrusion detection, our ensemble method achieves the detection accuracy as 99.39%. The collaborative architecture is achieved with the deployment of friendly vehicle IDS nodes in the networks which are selected based on their trustworthiness.

In future work, we plan to explore the problem trust management in a better way thereby improving the performance of the entire intrusion detection mechanism. Designing more effective ensemble algorithms can also be investigated.

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