

Autoencoder ensembles for network intrusion detection

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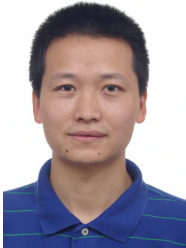
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Abstract—Machine learning methods have been widely used in the field of intrusion detection. However, most methods require labeled data sets, and the overhead is very high. Network data is often high-dimensional and has the problem of data imbalance, which makes many techniques unable to adapt to the real network environment. In this paper, we propose a network intrusion detection model based on autoencoder ensembles. This model uses a recursive feature addition algorithm to select the optimal subset of features, which can significantly reduce the training time of classifiers, and improve the performance of intrusion detection system. After feature selection, the feature subset is grouped, and then each group is mapped to an autoencoder. Multiple such autoencoders ensembles form the detection model. Only normal samples are used for training. The detection model is unsupervised, which improves the efficiency of detecting known and unknown attacks. The experimental results show that feature selection can effectively reduce training and detection time. Our model has high detection accuracy and strong adaptability.

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