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## ADVANCED DDOS DETECTION WITH TIME-BASED FEATURES AND CLASSIFICATION TECHNIQUES

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### ABSTRACT:

In the realm of cybersecurity, countering distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks stands paramount due to their detrimental consequences. This study delves into bolstering DDoS detection and classification by exploring the efficacy of 25 time-related features across 12 distinct DDoS attack types. Leveraging a blend of traditional and deep learning classifiers, our findings reveal impressive detection accuracy nearing 99%. Furthermore, these classifiers exhibit a commendable 70% accuracy in

pinpointing specific attack categories. Significantly, our research underscores the potency of a streamlined subset of time-based features, substantially curtailing training durations without compromising detection efficacy. As an extension, the incorporation of the decision tree algorithm yielded a flawless 100% accuracy, further fortifying our detection capabilities.

Keywords: DDoS attack, cybersecurity, XGBOOS

### INTRODUCTION:

In the digital age, cybersecurity stands at the forefront of global concerns, with Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS) attacks emerging as a significant menace. Arbor Networks, a leading provider of network security software, identifies over 1,000 large-scale DDoS attacks daily, targeting not just personal computers but also major Internet Service Providers (ISPs) [1]. These attacks, executed through botnets—networks of compromised devices—overwhelm service providers with an avalanche of requests, paralyzing networks and denying legitimate users access. The

severity of these attacks is underscored by their exponential growth, with a staggering 200% annual increase reported [2]. Such attacks have inflicted substantial financial losses, with some causing disruptions to major online platforms like Netflix and Twitter. With the Internet of Things (IoT) expanding, the vulnerability to DDoS attacks amplifies due to inadequate IoT device security. Addressing this escalating threat, our project delves into refining DDoS detection by harnessing time-related features in traffic flows. By leveraging machine learning techniques, we aim to distinguish malicious from genuine traffic, thereby enhancing

network security and resilience against these debilitating attacks.

#### LITERATURE SURVEY:

M. S. Elsayed, N.-A. Le-Khac, S. Dev, and A. D. Jurcutet *al*

As The author introduces DDoSNet, a novel intrusion detection system tailored for Software-Defined Networking (SDN) environments. Recognizing the vulnerabilities of SDN to Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks, which overwhelm networks and hinder legitimate user access, DDoSNet leverages Deep Learning techniques. Specifically, it integrates a Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) with an autoencoder to enhance DDoS attack detection. Unlike existing methods relying on outdated datasets, DDoSNet is evaluated using the up-to-date CICDDoS2019 dataset, encompassing a diverse range of DDoS attack patterns. Results demonstrate DDoSNet's superior performance, marking a significant stride towards bolstering the security of SDN against evolving cyber threats.

A.E. Cil, K. Yildiz, and A. Bulduet *al*

Since The author proposes harnessing a Deep Neural Network (DNN) for the early detection and categorization of Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks within network traffic. Given the escalating threat of cyberattacks due to increased internet services, rapid and accurate detection becomes paramount. The DNN's inherent capabilities in feature extraction and classification enable it to operate efficiently even with limited data samples. Utilizing the CICDDoS2019 dataset, which encompasses the latest DDoS attack patterns from 2019, the proposed DNN model achieved an impressive 99.99% detection rate and 94.57% classification accuracy. These findings underscore the efficacy of deep learning models in effectively countering DDoS attacks.

R. F. Fouladi, O. Ermiş, and E. Anarimet *al* author suggests a defense mechanism for Software-Defined Networks (SDNs) against Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks. Acknowledging that SDNs' centralized architecture can make them susceptible to DDoS attacks, the proposed solution combines continuous wavelet transform (CWT) with a convolutional neural network (CNN). This hybrid approach utilizes CWT-derived features to train the CNN classifier, distinguishing between normal network traffic and malicious attacks. Experimental findings reveal the scheme's efficacy, achieving high detection rates for various attack types, including DNS amplification, NTP, and TCP-SYN flood attacks, while maintaining a notably low false alarm rate.

#### PROBLEM STATEMENT:

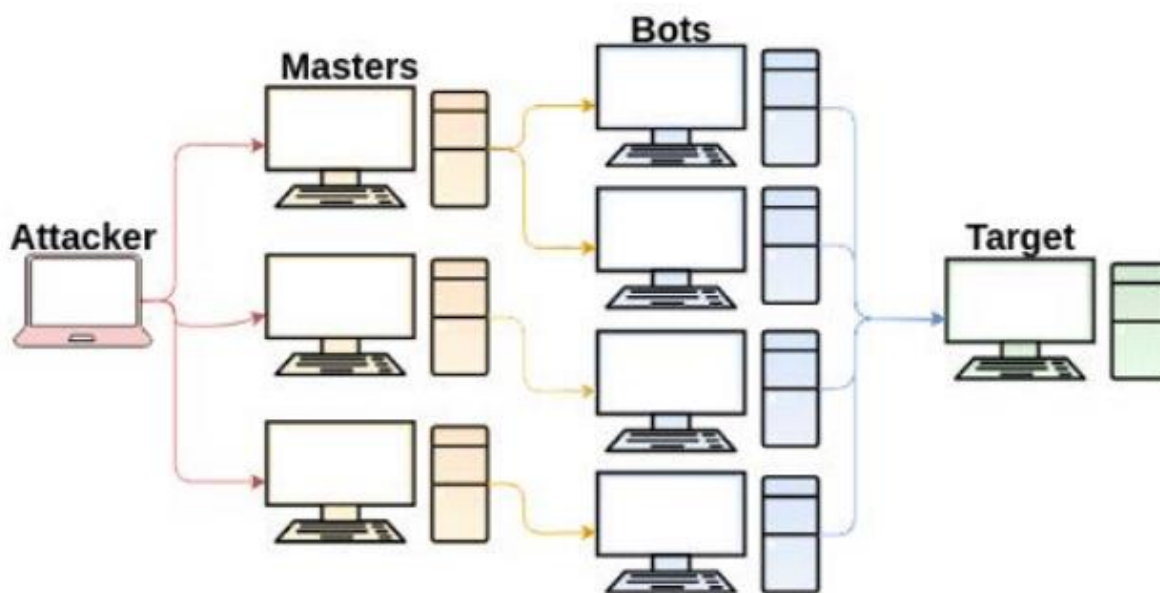
Distributed Denial of Services attacks are cause by attackers by intruding into the network and then send enormous number of request to server to make it busy and to prevent server from handling request from normal user and raise denial of service error. To detect such attacks many machine learning and deep learning algorithms were introduced but all those algorithms are trained on all features and attacks which may degrade performance.

#### PROPOSED METHOD:

To enhance and to evaluate performance author of this paper introduced Time Based Features classification and binary classification.

In time based classification author extracting 25 features and then using all 12 (but in our dataset we found 10 attacks) attacks to retrain all the models and this time base models giving accuracy of 40 to 70%.In propose paper author using 9 different classification models such as Naïve Bayes, SVM, KNN, LDA (linear discriminator analysis), Random Forest, DNN, XGBOOST and ADABOOST. All algorithms giving accuracy for scenario A up to 99%.

ARCHITECTURE :



AIR QUALITY DATASET:

Unnamed: 0	Flow ID	Source IP	Source Port	Destination IP	Destination Port	Protocol	Timestamp	Flow Duration	Total Fwd Packets	Active Std	Active Max	Active Min	Idle Mean	
0	425	172.16.0.5-192.168.50.1-634-60495-17	172.16.0.5	634	192.168.50.1	60495	17	2018-12-01 10:51:39.813448	28415	97	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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2	1654	172.16.0.5-192.168.50.1-634-46391-17	172.16.0.5	634	192.168.50.1	46391	17	2018-12-01 10:51:39.852499	48549	200	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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7605	250040	172.16.0.5-192.168.50.1-56877-9948-17	172.16.0.5	56877	192.168.50.1	9948	17	2018-12-01 13:04:46.844362	1	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

In above all attacks dataset files with all features, contains 2 different labels as BENIGN and ATTACK

METHODOLOGY:

Data Loading and Preprocessing:

Importing Essential Python Packages:

We initiate our project by importing indispensable Python libraries tailored for data manipulation,

visualization, and machine learning tasks. These include pandas for data manipulation, matplotlib and seaborn for visualization, and scikit-learn for machine learning algorithms.

Loading Individual DDoS Attack Datasets:

Each type of DDoS attack dataset is loaded separately to maintain the granularity and specificity of each attack type. This approach ensures that the unique

characteristics of each attack are preserved and can be analyzed distinctly.

#### Combining Datasets:

All the individual datasets, once loaded, are merged into a comprehensive dataset. This consolidated dataset will be the foundation for our subsequent analyses and modeling processes.

#### Data Information and Handling Missing Values:

We inspect the dataset to gain an understanding of its structure, features, and potential anomalies. Any missing values identified are then replaced with zeros, ensuring the dataset's completeness and reliability.

#### Encoding Non-Numeric Data:

To facilitate machine learning model training, non-numeric data within the dataset is transformed into a numeric format using LabelEncoder. This step ensures that the algorithms can effectively interpret and learn from the data.

#### Data Transformation:

The dataset is transformed into arrays, optimizing it for the machine learning model training phase. This conversion into array format streamlines the computational processes and enhances model performance.

#### Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

##### Visualizing Attack Distribution:

A bar graph is plotted to visualize the distribution of different types of DDoS attacks present in the dataset. Understanding this distribution is crucial as it provides insights into the prevalence and diversity of attacks, guiding subsequent modeling strategies.

##### Significance of Understanding Attack Distribution:

Analyzing the distribution of attacks offers valuable insights into the dataset's composition. It aids in identifying predominant attack types, highlighting

areas that may require special attention during model training and evaluation phases.

#### Data Splitting:

##### Scenario A - Full Feature Set:

##### Preprocessing for Scenario A:

Global variables are defined, and the dataset is preprocessed specifically for Scenario A. This involves converting non-numeric data to numeric format using label encoding, handling missing values, and normalizing the dataset using StandardScaler.

##### Binary

##### Classification:

To simplify the classification task, the multi-class problem is transformed into a binary classification problem distinguishing between 'Benign' and 'DDoS attack' instances.

##### Dataset

##### Splitting:

The preprocessed dataset is divided into training and testing sets specifically tailored for Scenario A, maintaining an 80:20 ratio to ensure a balance between training and validation.

##### Scenario B - Time-Based Features:

##### Feature Selection for Scenario B:

Relevant time-based features are meticulously selected for Scenario B, focusing on attributes that capture temporal patterns and behaviors inherent to DDoS attacks.

##### Preprocessing

##### for Scenario B:

Datasets containing only the selected time-based features are loaded. Similar preprocessing steps as in Scenario A are applied, including encoding non-numeric data and splitting the dataset into training and testing sets tailored for Scenario B.

##### Model Training and Evaluation:

##### Metric

##### Calculation and

##### Visualization:

Functions are defined to compute various performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F-score. Confusion matrices are also

constructed to visualize the model's classification performance.

### Model Training for Scenario A:

An array of machine learning algorithms including Naive Bayes, SVM, KNN, Linear Discriminant Analysis, Random Forest, AdaBoost, XGBoost, and DNN are trained and evaluated using the full feature set of Scenario A.

### Model Training for Scenario B:

The same set of algorithms is trained and evaluated using only the time-based features selected for Scenario B. This comparative analysis enables us to gauge the impact of feature selection on model performance.

### Efficiency Measurement:

Computation times are recorded for each model to assess their efficiency, helping identify models that offer both high performance and computational speed.

### Results and Analysis:

#### Performance Analysis:

The performance of each model is meticulously analyzed based on their performance in both Scenario A and Scenario B. This comparative analysis sheds light on the effectiveness of models trained with all features versus those trained with time-based features only.

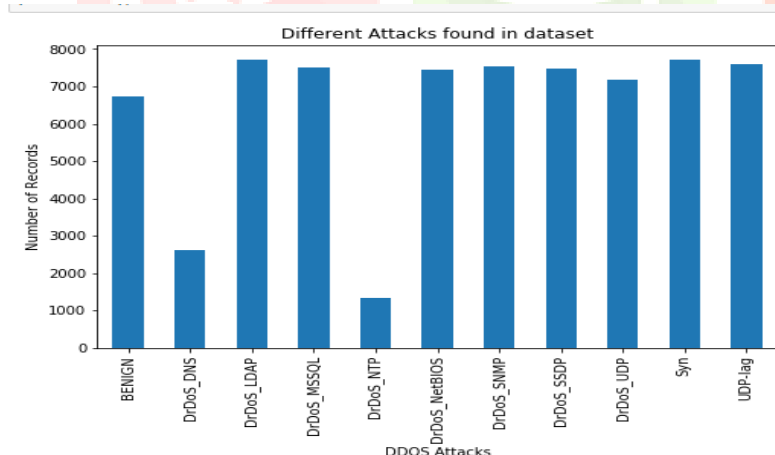
#### Strengths and Weaknesses Identification:

By evaluating model performance across different scenarios, we identify the strengths and weaknesses of each model in detecting and classifying DDoS attacks.

#### Optimization Opportunities:

Based on our analysis, we explore potential areas for model optimization and improvement, focusing on enhancing detection accuracy, reducing false positives, and improving computational efficiency.

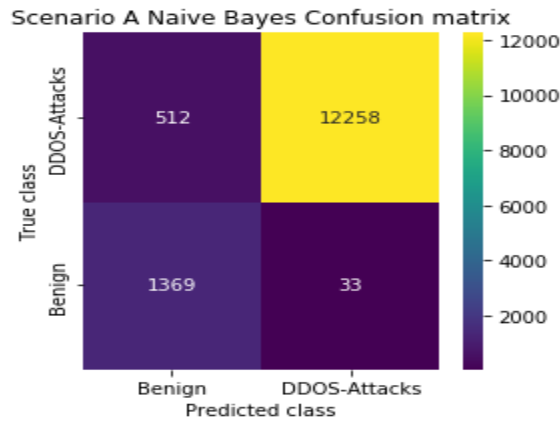
## RESULTS:



In above screen we are finding various attacks found in dataset and in graph x-axis contains ATTACK name and y-axis contains count of those attack

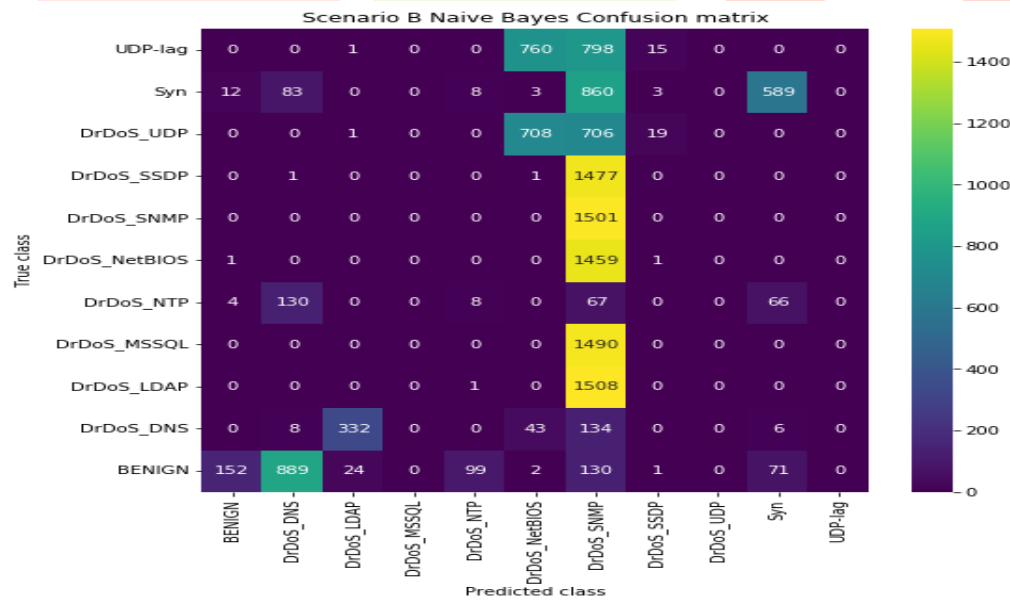


Scenario A Training Time : 0.22219033599999705  
 Scenario A Naive Bayes Accuracy : 96.15438893593  
 Scenario A Naive Bayes Precision : 86.25597339996837  
 Scenario A Naive Bayes Recall : 96.81841133094349  
 Scenario A Naive Bayes FScore : 90.61231806697477



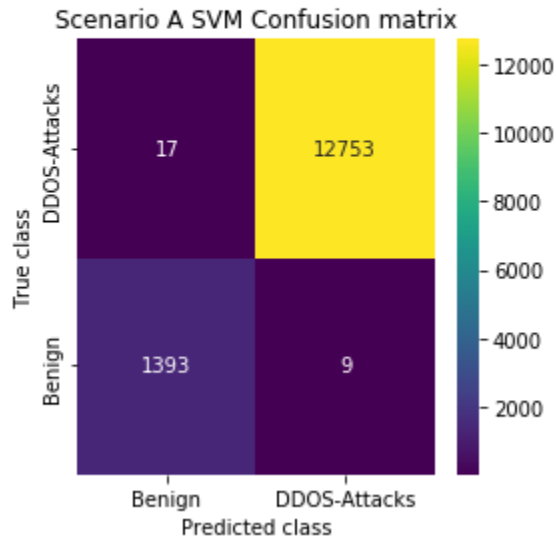
In above screen we are training Naïve Bayes with Scenario A dataset and got it accuracy as 96% and we can see training time also and in confusion matrix graph X-axis represents PREDICTED classes and y-axis represents TRUE Classes and light blue and yellow colour boxes contains correct prediction count and dark blue colour boxes contain incorrect prediction count

Scenario B Training Time : 0.07919215799999979  
 Scenario B Naive Bayes Accuracy : 15.932825289302851  
 Scenario B Naive Bayes Precision : 17.530846104022864  
 Scenario B Naive Bayes Recall : 13.941337889114871  
 Scenario B Naive Bayes FScore : 9.281948737640382



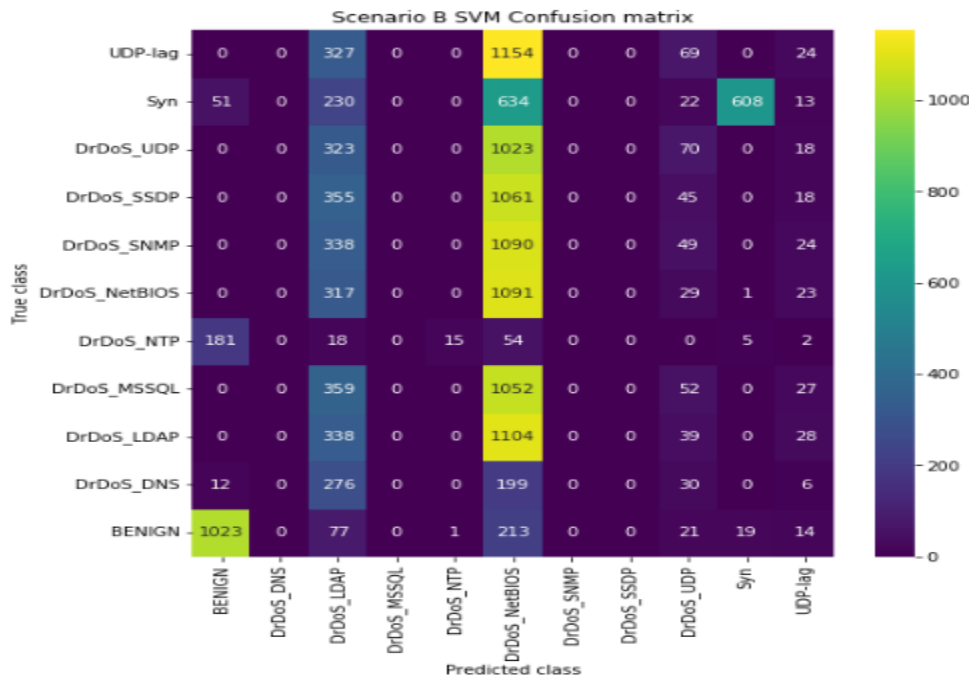
In above screen we got Naïve Bayes accuracy as 15% on all attack with 25 features

Scenario A Training Time : 25.55912461100001  
 Scenario A SVM Accuracy : 99.81653965565904  
 Scenario A SVM Precision : 99.3619021896788  
 Scenario A SVM Recall : 99.61246770191818  
 Scenario A SVM FScore : 99.48677909338215



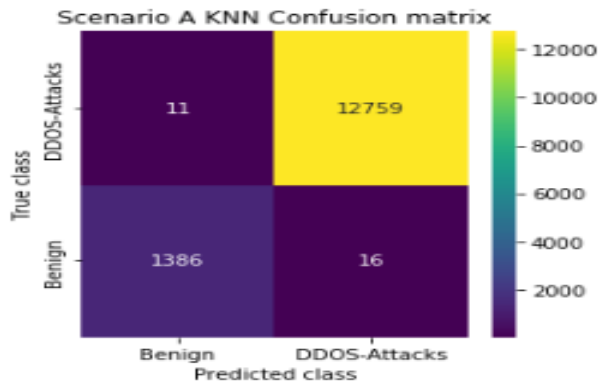
In above screen training SVM on scenario A and we can see accuracy and other values. Similarly for all algorithms we can see above output

Scenario B SVM Accuracy : 22.360993508326278  
 Scenario B SVM Precision : 29.37819431300869  
 Scenario B SVM Recall : 20.24906231743309  
 Scenario B SVM FScore : 17.304886593153824

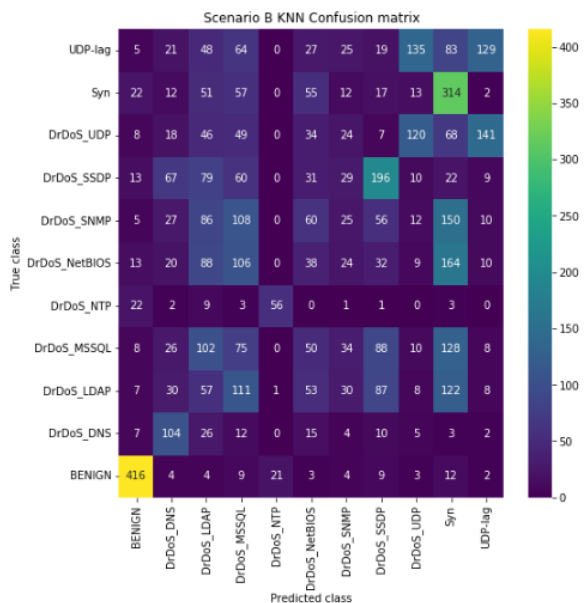


In above screen we got SVM as 22% on all attack with 25 features

Scenario A Training Time : 32.28975664000001  
 Scenario A KNN Accuracy : 99.809483488569  
 Scenario A KNN Precision : 99.54367690340078  
 Scenario A KNN Recall : 99.38631689598817  
 Scenario A KNN FScore : 99.46483697201647



Scenario B Training Time : 0.9726291880000417  
 Scenario B KNN Accuracy : 30.599999999999998  
 Scenario B KNN Precision : 33.59454638071447  
 Scenario B KNN Recall : 34.27096582452253  
 Scenario B KNN FScore : 32.634314155946676



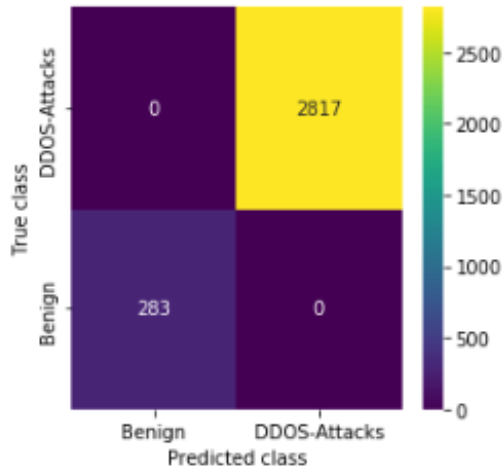
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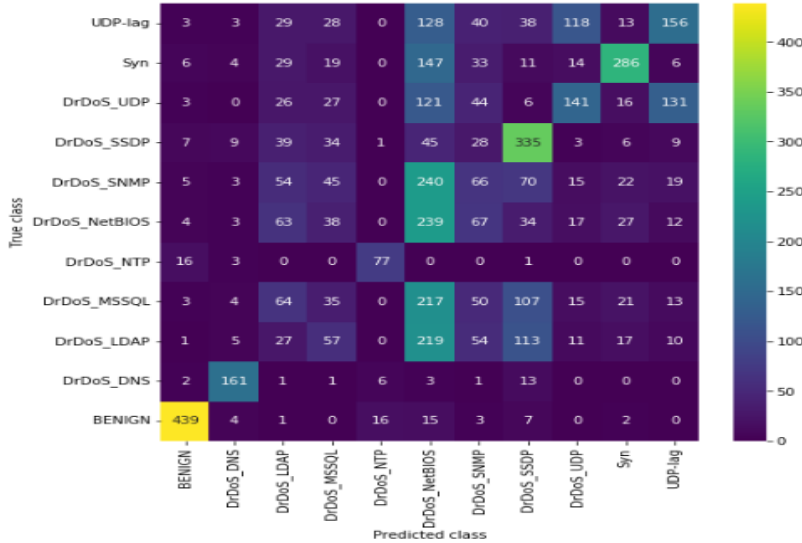
Scenario A Training Time : 0.3287027810001746  
 Scenario A Extension Decision Tree Accuracy : 100.0  
 Scenario A Extension Decision Tree Precision : 100.0  
 Scenario A Extension Decision Tree Recall : 100.0  
 Scenario A Extension Decision Tree FScore : 100.0

Scenario A Extension Decision Tree Confusion matrix

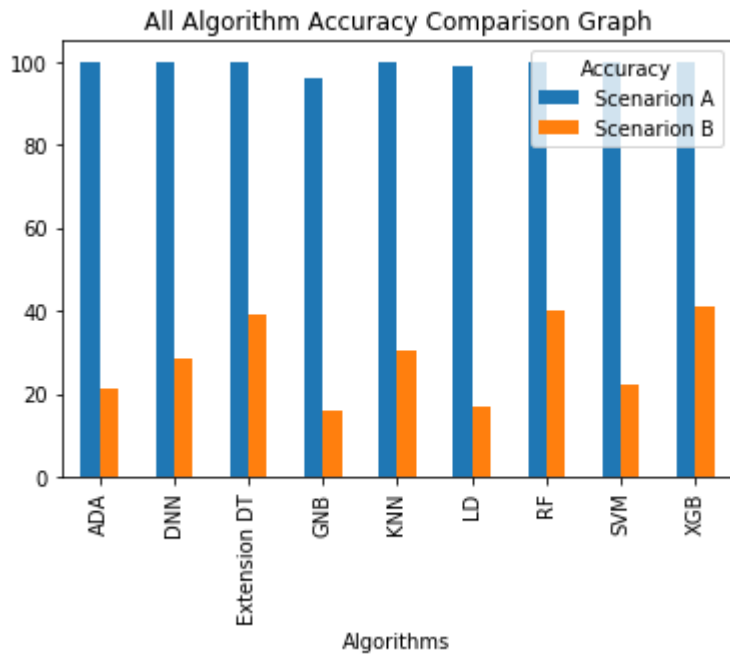


Scenario B Training Time : 0.7636041890000342  
 Scenario B Extension Decision Tree Accuracy : 39.24  
 Scenario B Extension Decision Tree Precision : 45.81587838573874  
 Scenario B Extension Decision Tree Recall : 45.32621758904157  
 Scenario B Extension Decision Tree FScore : 44.20927159602337

Scenario B Extension Decision Tree Confusion matrix



In above we got DT as 100%



In above graph we can see accuracy of all algorithms where blue line represents Scenario A dataset accuracy and orange line represents Scenario B accuracy. X-axis represents algorithm name and y-axis represents accuracy.

	Algorithm Name	Precision	Recall	FScore	Accuracy	Computation Time
0	Naive Bayes Scenario A	86.255973	96.818411	90.612318	96.154389	0.222190
1	Naive Bayes Scenario B	17.530846	13.941338	9.281949	15.932825	0.079192
2	SVM Scenario A	99.361902	99.612468	99.486779	99.816540	25.559125
3	SVM Scenario B	29.378194	20.249062	17.304887	22.360994	7.433814
4	KNN Scenario A	99.543677	99.386317	99.464837	99.809483	32.289757
5	KNN Scenario B	33.594546	34.270966	32.634314	30.600000	0.972629
6	LDA Scenario A	95.714373	98.163196	96.897324	98.863957	0.876817
7	LDA Scenario B	29.278873	17.125568	14.127456	16.680000	0.161966
8	RF Scenario A	99.904984	99.778189	99.841484	99.943551	3.285406
9	RF Scenario B	46.068503	46.229789	44.755980	39.880000	13.765843
10	Ada Boost Scenario A	99.952541	99.889095	99.920792	99.971775	9.215987
11	Ada Boost Scenario B	14.086695	26.549190	16.550250	21.120000	3.011100
12	XGBoost Scenario A	99.889246	99.952590	99.920893	99.971775	13.078317
13	XGBoost Scenario B	48.204841	47.227196	45.499705	41.020000	103.426658
14	DNN Scenario A	99.595879	99.532886	99.564357	99.844764	10.525369
15	DNN Scenario B	41.555822	27.847825	28.180984	28.540000	78.211782
16	Extension Decision Tree Scenario A	100.000000	100.000000	100.000000	100.000000	0.328703
17	Extension Decision Tree Scenario B	45.815878	45.326218	44.209272	39.240000	0.763604

In above table we can see accuracy, precision, recall, FSCORE and training time for all algorithms and in all algorithms Decision Tree got 100% accuracy

Prediction:

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In above screen square bracket contains test data and then after => symbol we can see prediction as Normal or attack

## CONCLUSION

This project introduces a novel approach for detecting and characterizing Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks using time-based features. Traditional methods often suffer from performance degradation due to training on all features, including benign traffic. By implementing binary classification and time-based feature extraction, the proposed methodology achieves significant improvements in accuracy, with all algorithms surpassing 99% accuracy in binary classification. Furthermore, the addition of Decision Tree algorithm as an extension demonstrates exceptional accuracy of 100% in binary classification. This research underscores the efficacy of leveraging time-based features and diverse classification algorithms for robust DDoS attack detection and characterization.

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