



A Literature Review on DDoS Attack Detection Using Various Approaches

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Abstract: *In internet technology, denial of service (DoS) assaults are a huge danger and one of the most difficult security issues. DDoS assaults, in particular, are a cause for worry due to their potential severity. A DDoS assault may swiftly deplete the victim's computational and communication capabilities in a short period of time with little or no prior notice. Due to the seriousness of the problem, a variety of defences have been devised.*

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Introduction

The DDoS assaults are a serious issue on the Internet. The effect of DDoS attacks has been thoroughly documented in the computer network literature. Disruption is the primary goal of the DOS. Security services by restricting a computer or a network in instead of attacking the service itself. This kind of thing an attack that seeks to make a network unusable normal service may be provided by focusing on either the network's ability to transmit data at high speeds. These assaults are successful. achieve their by the transmission of packets to a victim that the network or processing resources he has available are overtaxed DDoS (Distributed Denial of Service) is a relatively new kind of attack. attacking Internet with a simple yet effective strategy resources. The many-to-one dimension is added by DDoS assaults to the solution of the DOS issue DDoS attacks often happen in stages, starting with hackers surveying or scanning for defense lessness or access points, First gaining access to a system and then carrying out the assault in its entirety, whether the goal is to steal important data or to disable the computer systems. Automated instruction (ML), as well as deep learning (DL), have both been found to be completely effective in detecting DDoS attacks. Algorithms are, however, taught to detect only examples selected from the training set's distribution models [8]. As a result, individuals mayperform in situations where they have never learned. The Open Set Recognition (OSR) challenge is about figuring out what one doesn't know. Because DDoS intrusion technologies develop, resulting in shifting traffic parameters, this issue has a significant influence on DDoS attack detection [9]. Malicious node attacks could not only prevent access to network resources but also result in major risks and harm. A Denial of Service (DoS) attack, for example, prevents genuine end-users from using network resources by overflowing the target system by propagating widely and finally paralyzing it [10]. TCP/SYN Flood, Ping Flood, UDP Flood, and Distributed Denial of Service are all examples of DoS assaults (DDoS A distributed denial of service (DDoS) assault occurs when a number of compromised malicious activities attack a single target. [25].

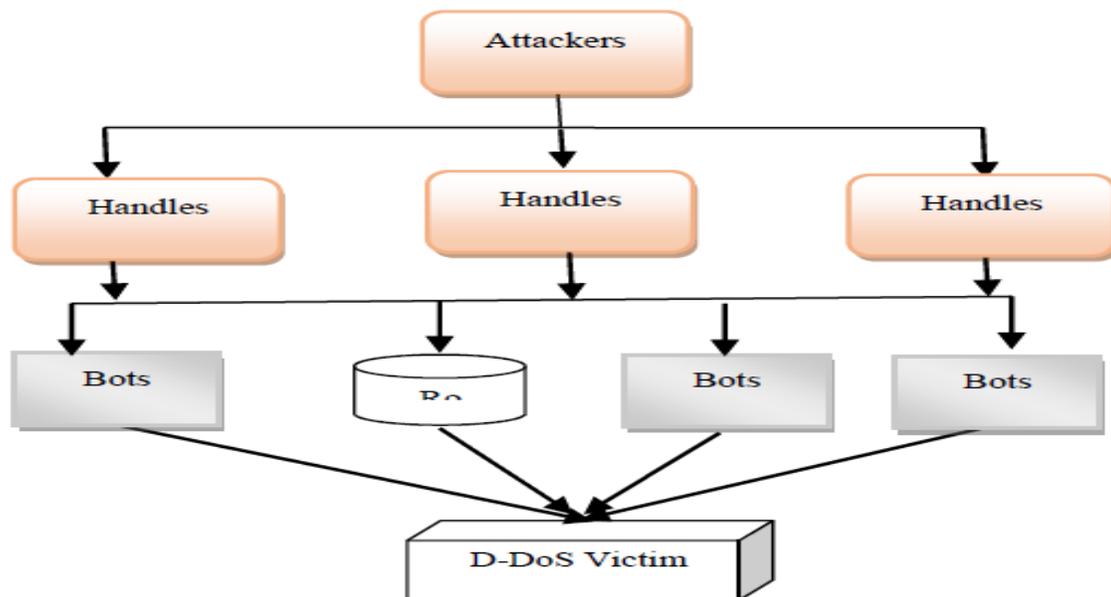


Fig. 1: Shows the DDoS attacks using Bot Block diagram.

II. Literature Review

Afsaneh Banitalebi Dehkordi , et.al. (2021), In this research work According to the researchers, SDNs are the recent in network improvements because they are flexible, reduce operational costs, as well as provide protection against DDoS attacks. DDoS attacks of high and low volume can be detected using suggested here is a blend of statistics and machine learning. An entropy-based as well as classification-based collection method is used. Experimental tests on various datasets show that the entropy-based sections with static threshold do not produce accurate findings when using the developed model that has been evaluated and analysed. Good outcomes for dynamic threshold come at the expense of a large false positive rate (FPR). To address this issue, a variety of classification techniques are run, and so more accurate results are generated [1].

Jia_et.al,(2020), In this research work investigator Flow Guard, a book IoT DDoS defence strategy, as well as two novel machine learning models for DDoS identification and classification were presented. There are 2 parts to flowguard, the filter as well as the controller, which are explained. Following the filtration rules established by the Flow Controller, the Flow Filter identifies and removes potentially harmful flows. Flow Controller uses LSTM as well as CNN machine learning techniques to identify and classify malicious flows. The CICDDoS2019 dataset as well as a calculated dataset were extensively studied by the researchers of these two approaches [5].

Agrawal Neha_et.al, (2019), In this research work A cloud computing security discussion was presented by the researchers. This on-demand capability cannot function without having ready access to cloud computing facilities and benefits. Many of these services might be rendered unavailable by DDoS assaults.. After that, the report discusses how DDoS attacks are carried out by exploiting the cloud computing's important characteristics. They take into account both high-rate and low-rate DDoS attacks in a cloud computing environment in their



research study. DDoS assaults and their defences have been reclassified according to a novel taxonomy. There are a variety of strategies that may be used to identify, prevent, and reduce DDoS assaults.

Various DDoS attack release methods and their impact on cloud infrastructure are discussed by the researchers. The protection techniques and their cloud-based behaviour are also contrasted. There is also a discussion of the most important metrics for evaluating the performance of any defence mechanism. According to our understanding, previous surveys do not adequately examine low-rate DDoS assaults as well as associated response methods. The novelty of A new classification of DDoS attacks as well as countermeasures is offered. There are many different forms of DDoS assaults, and how to prevent, identify, and react to them is all covered in this article.. It's important to understand how DDoS attacks are launched and how that affects the cloud services. There's also a cloud-based comparison of the various defence strategies [10].

Wang_et.al, (2018), In this research work researchers made their case to the audience. DDoS assaults are commonplace in today's online world. Large-scale Internet DDoS assaults have seldom been quantified and examined in prior research, despite the importance of understanding the forms of DDoS attacks.. In this research, researchers were able to describe today's Internet DDoS attacks from a variety of angles because we had access to a large dataset. These DDoS attacks reveal a number of interesting research results about today's botnet-based DDoS attacks after a thorough examination of the attacks. As a result of these findings, we now know more about present DDoS attacks and how to properly protect ourselves against them (e.g., organisation and country). Even though the focus of this study is on DDoS categorization, researchers intend to use the outcomes to develop more effective defence strategies in the future [11].

Dayal,_ et. al (2017, January), In this research work, Researchers presented an attack model to identify and classify various DDoS attack scenarios in SDN. The hyenae attack tool was used to carry out a variety of DDoS attacks in an SDN environment utilising a few of the most popular conventional DDoS attack methods. Despite the fact that volumetric attacks have a significant effect on the research plane, they do not have a significant impact on the controller. During the attack phase, the effect is clearly visible. Protocol exploitation threats, on the other hand, have little impact on network traffic. They focus on consuming other device resources, such as the TCAM, logical port, etc. Immediately after the attack, and immediately after the attack, controllers might be seriously impacted.. TCP SYN flood as well as HTTP flood attacks can in reality bring down the control system[16].

Chang-Jung, et.al. (IEEE 2016), In this research work Many sorts of network assaults are being targeted by DDoS attacks, according to Akamai statistics, which show that the attacks are getting more widespread and more hazardous. The number of strikes rose by more than double in the first quarter of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. Detecting DDoS assaults that employ low traffic volumes for a long period of time gets increasingly challenging as the attack types improve. In the past, attackers have used brief bursts of excessive traffic to make target servers unavailable. In the first quarter of 2015, there were eight DDoS assaults of over 100 Gbps, making it difficult to notice the attacks, which have a significant amount of traffic and are very changeable, making it difficult to detect the attacks. We used neural network models to train and test our DDoS detection algorithm using the 2000 DARPA LLDOS 1.0 dataset, and the findings reveal that our detection method can identify assaults in real time with an average recognition rate of over 94% [17].

Wang, R., et.al (2. (2015, August).In this research work, extended the Open Flow table has a counter copy of the flow entry. For the flow statistics process in the switch, researchers used this value to define input flow quickly.



As part of our effort to keep tabs on the incoming traffic, researchers developed an entropy-based DDoS flood detection method as well as design. The transmitted anomaly detection mechanism was achieved by running this algorithm in the edge device of SDN. It is easy to implement this technique in SDN application or on a reconfigurable switch because the calculation of entropy value has a minimal overflow. It is possible to reduce the frequency with which information is collected as well as alleviate the communication overload between the OF switches as well as the regulator by using our system. When a DDoS attack makes use of wildcard flow rules, our detection system can still work effectively thanks to the flow aggregation process. It was found that our methodology can detect the attack in the early monitoring intervals when the attack begins and achieve high detection accuracy with low false positive rate [21].

Table 2.1: Comparison of Different Previous Methods.

| Sr. No. | Ref./Year | Methods | Attack | Remark |
|---------|------------|--|---|---|
| 1. | [1]/ 2021 | Artificial Neural Network | Distributed denial of-service (DDoS) | To identify the low-volume DDoS and high-volume DDoS attacks in their separate sense. |
| 2. | [5]/2020 | Feature selection and feedback Algorithm | Distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) | to classify the flows into benign ones or one of the four types of DDoS attacks. |
| 3. | [10]/2020 | Intrusion Detection System (IDS) | Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) | IDS filter the attack packets, and subsequently mitigates the effect of the attack. |
| 4. | [11]/2019 | Domain Generation Algorithms (DGAs) | Internet distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks | Malware families and variants use DGAs |
| 5. | [16]/2018 | RBF-PSO Based method | DDoS attacks | To identify and classify various possibilities of DDoS attacks |
| 6. | [17]/2018 | Machine Learning Algorithms | Detection DDoS attacks | To identify and detect abnormal traffic |
| 7. | [21]/2016 | Stacked Auto Encoder Based Method | Distributed DDoS Detection Mechanism | To detect AL-DDoS attacks |

III. DDoS Attack Classification

DDoS assaults may be divided into two categories: bandwidth depletion attacks and resource depletion attacks (Figure 3). An order to overwhelm the target, a bandwidth depletion attack is used. Traffic on a network that impedes the flow of lawful traffic the victim's system from receiving any unwanted traffic



Bandwidth Flood attacks and amplification assaults are two types of attacks. Attacks, depleting a person or organization's resources To stifle a victim system's ability to respond. This Protocol exploit attacks are a subcategory of kind of attack. In addition to erroneous packet assaults. Direct assaults and reflection attacks are the two main types of DDoS attacks. In the last part, we discussed direct assaults. A reflector is a kind of indirect attack that takes advantage of intermediate nodes to launch attacks. Any IP host that will return a packet if one is sent to it is a reflector.

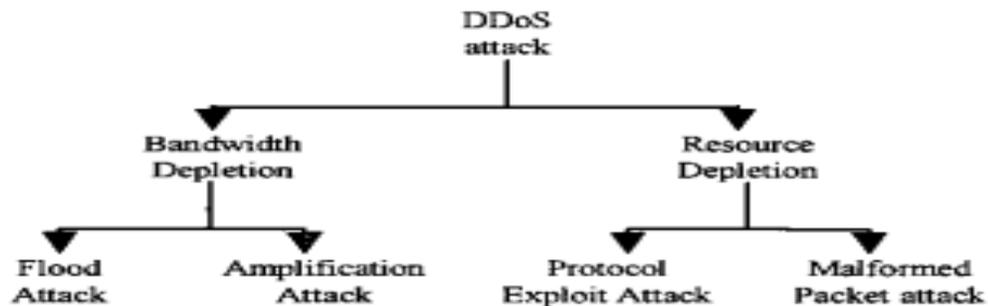


Fig. 2: Classification of DDoS attacks.

We've broken down DDoS defences into two categories based on two separate sets of standards. There are two ways to classify the DDoS defensive mechanisms: one based on the kind of activity deployed and one based on the place where they are deployed. In the first classification, we go into great depth about the DDoS defences, whereas in the second classification, we just mention the DDoS defences and how they are classed.

Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks have been a real threat in many aspects of computer networks and distributed applications. The main objective of a DDoS attack is to bring down the services of a target using multiple sources that are distributed. For example, attackers can transfer thousands of packets to a victim to overwhelm its access bandwidth with illegitimate traffic, making online services unavailable. There are numerous denials of service (DoS) attack methods being used to degrade the performance or availability of targeted services on the Internet.5 Usually, these methods can be classified as challenges associated with the SDN at each layer of the framework, application, control, and infrastructure.

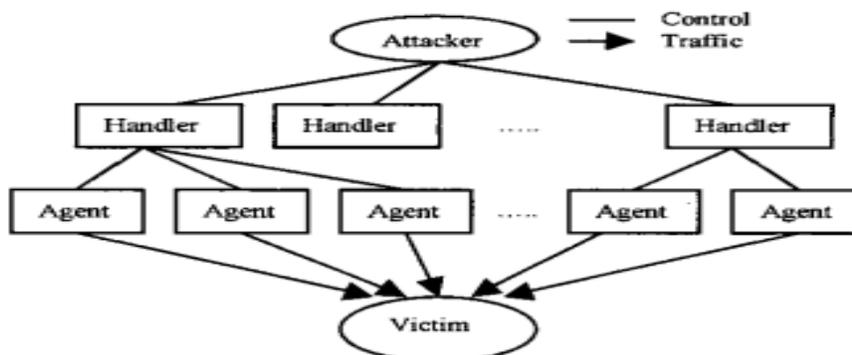


Fig. 3: Architecture of DDoS attacks.

1. Application layer DDoS attacks Application layer attacks use the software in a malicious way, aiming to exhaust resources to process any further requests. These attacks are generally harder to detect on the network level as they show no clear deviation from legitimate traffic.5 Since the isolation of



applications or resources in SDN is not well solved, DDoS attacks on one application can also affect other applications. A common example is the HTTP flooding attacks.²¹

2. **Control layer DDoS attacks** Controllers of SDN and their communications can be subjected to different types of attacks.² Among the threats that can cause significant damages are the following: attacks on the control plane and communication between the controller and other networks components, eg, northbound API, southbound API, westbound API, or eastbound API. In addition, the controller can be considered a single point of failure and scalability that raises potential performance problems and unavailability of the control plane.
3. **Infrastructure layer DDoS attacks** Infrastructure layer DDoS attacks could potentially overload through two points: switches or by attacking the southbound API.²² For example, huge traffic may be sent by an attacker to execute a DoS attack on the node by setting up a number of new and unknown flows infrastructure layer.

IV. DDoS Attack Detection Techniques

DDoS attacks have been studied for a long time and the types of threats to them are mostly known.⁵ However, SDN is a new architecture and the studies are at an early stage. In addition, SDN networks have distinct detection methods for different types of DDoS attacks.²³ These methods include entropy-based,^{7,24-26} machine learning-based,¹⁰⁻¹³ traffic pattern analysis,²⁷ connection rate,^{27,28} and techniques that combine the use of the IDS and OpenFlow.

1. **Entropy** The ability to measure randomness in packets arriving on a network makes entropy-based methods good candidates for the DDoS detection. The greater the randomness, the greater the entropy, and vice versa. Entropy-based methods depend on network feature distributions to detect anomalous network activities.²⁴ The presence of anomalies in an SDN network can be identified by adopting the use of predefined thresholds. In addition, probability distributions of various network features such as source IP address, destination IP address, and port numbers are used to calculate the entropy.
2. **Machine learning** Machine learning-based methods employ techniques to detect anomalies in a network environment, these can be based on models, based on statistic and math, based on unsupervised machine learning algorithms, and based on supervised machine learning algorithms.³³ These algorithms take into account various network features and traffic characteristics to detect the presence of anomalies. In fact, any system that is built to detect any anomalies in the network catch the traffic on it and extract some kind of information from them, and the approach that uses machine learning is trying to catch the pattern of normal and abnormal traffic on the network, without the need to know the pattern itself
3. **Traffic pattern analysis** These techniques work on the assumptions that the infected hosts exhibit similar behavioral patterns that are different from benign hosts.³⁴ Therefore, it analyzes the traffic relating to the metrics of the attack pattern networks in order to identify the attacker or the target under attack. Patterns are observed as a result of a command that is sent to many members of the same botnet causing a similar behavior (eg, sending illegitimate packets, starting to scan).
4. **Connection rate** Bawany et al. ³² define connection rate techniques as “the probability of a connection attempt being successful should be much higher for a benign host than a malicious host.” Whenever the likelihood ratio for a host to exceed a certain threshold, it is declared as infected. These techniques are classified into two types: connection success ratio and connection rate, which refers to the number of connections instantiated within a certain window of time.



V. Conclusion

In this research work researcher presented different method used on DDOS attack detection a Bayesian regularization with cascaded feed forward network-based machine learning approach for D-DoS attack detection. The presented method shows better result as compare to CNN with LSTM based deep learning methods. Table II shows the comparison between presented method and previous methods. Presented method shows better result in CISIDS2017 data set on the basis of accuracy. Presented method shows 99.96%. As a result of a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack, a targeted system is unable to provide regular services to its legitimate customers. This presented work shows a modified feature selected-based neural network for efficient DDoS attack detection.

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