

# An efficient intrusion detection mechanism based on particle swarm optimization and KNN

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## Abstract

*In this paper an efficient intrusion detection mechanism based on particle swarm optimization and KNN has been presented. In our approach experimentation has been performed for the intrusion detection considering NSL-KDD dataset. Then the selected weights have been added directly to the final classification which has been received safely. Then the remaining selected weights have been added for the classification. These nodes are originally safe but received unsafe. It has been input for the classification process. KNN has been used for the classification of the initial features and the content features. The remaining features have been transferred to the particle swarm optimization. PSO has been used for the classification of the traffic and host features. It has been classified based on 50% threshold value. The results show that by using our approach the average classification accuracy is approximately 98%. The attack considered here are Denial of Service (DoS), User to Root (U2R), Remote to User /Login (R2L) and Probe.*

## Keywords

*Intrusion detection system, DoS, U2R, R2L and Probe.*

## 1.Introduction

Intrusion detection is an important aspect where there is the need of computational techniques like data mining, artificial intelligence and machine learning [1–4] for the improvement in detection system. It has been found that different algorithms have already been applied in the same direction for the improvement [3–8]. But there are several areas where there is the need of improvement including detection, identification along with the attack types.

Based on the literature it has been found that the intrusion detection is an important aspect in different areas of data sharing and communication [9]. It may be helpful in the identification of malicious and suspicious behavior. It has been done through intrusion detection system (IDS) [10]. These systems have been developed to identify suspicious activities which may be attack prone or it may increase the chances of vulnerable activities [11–14].

Other important aspects are types of intrusion, types of attacks, identification process and the detection process. Detection process includes network, configuration, IP, signature, host, anomaly and configuration. The main objective of this paper is to develop an efficient intrusion detection system.

## 2.Literature survey

In 2020, Razimi et al. [15] discussed about the surveillance technology. They have proposed an intelligent home surveillance system. IT has been proposed based on the use of Raspberry Pi. It has been triggered when an intruder is captured through the video surveillances.

In 2020, Zoppi et al. [16] discussed about the anomaly detection techniques. It has been discussed in terms of identifying patterns. Their main aim is to instruct the anomaly-based techniques considering unsupervised algorithms. It has been used for the classification of normal and anomalous behaviors.

In 2020, Dang [17] discussed about intrusion detection system. The main task of the detection system is to differentiate benign and malicious

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network flows. They have discussed the active learning usage. It has been discussed in terms of active learning for the online configuration. It has been discussed for the reduction of labeling cost.

In 2020, Chen et al. [18] discussed about the 5G application and the chances of intrusion detection. They have suggested that the traditional method is relatively insufficient. They have proposed a RLA intrusion detection system for the hybrid network. For the classification support vector machine algorithm has been used. They have achieved 98% accuracy approximately.

In 2020, Jin et al. [19] discussed about the applicability of big data and machine learning algorithms in case of intrusion detection. They have proposed a K-nearest neighbors (KNN) and categorical boosting (CatBoost) for the imbalanced data. For experimentation they have used KDD99 dataset. By this method they have achieved better detection performance.

In 2019, Halimaa and Sundarakantham [20] discusses about malicious activity and intrusion detection system. They have suggested that the intrusion detection may plays an important role in the network. Hey have suggested the need of classification methodologies. They have applied support vector machine (SVM) and naïve Bayes (NB) algorithm for the classification problem. For experimentation NSL-KDD dataset has been used. Their result suggest that the support vector machine outperforms.

In 2020, Taghavinejad et al. [21] discussed the use of Internet of Things. They have discussed regarding the prevention from the cyber-attack through intrusion detection system. They have used the combination of SVM, KNN and decision tree (DT). Their result shows that the proposed method is found to be better.

In 2020, Mu et al. [22] discussed about the internet intrusion detection. They have discussed the applicability in terms of IP matching and network monitoring. They have also discussed unauthorized access due to various tags.

In 2020, Dawit et al. [23] discussed about cyber security. They have investigated several methods for the intrusion detection collaboration. They have also studied the integration of intrusion detection. They have also studied and discussed the major vulnerabilities in case of blockchain application.

In 2020, Park et al. [24] discussed a prediction model which is based on recurrent neural network. They have discussed this in terms of IoT environment. They have used long short-term memory model. They have used cosine similarity for the scoring function. They have considered a normal packet for the same.

In 2020, Iman and Ahmad [25] discussed about the intrusion detection system development. They have analyses and estimated the use of random forest algorithm. They have considered Boruta algorithm. Their results show that the proposed method is capable of preventing the infinite loop. It is capable in the improvement of the performance.

### 3.Methods

Our approach is divided into following parts:

#### **Feature preprocessing**

In our approach experimentation has been performed for the intrusion detection considering NSL-KDD dataset. There are total 42 nodes in the dataset. 41 nodes have been used for the classification. The complete records in the dataset are 1025973. The initial elements are shown in 1-9. The content features are shown in 10-22. The traffic features are shown in 23-31. The host features are shown in 32-41. These data are first preprocessed based on the feature values.

#### **Selected weight (Direct add)**

Then the selected weights have been added directly to the final classification which has been received safely. These nodes do not participate in the classification process as these are already safely received nodes.

#### **Selected weight (Validation)**

Then the remaining selected weights have been added for the classification. These nodes are originally safe but received unsafe. These nodes do participate in the classification process.

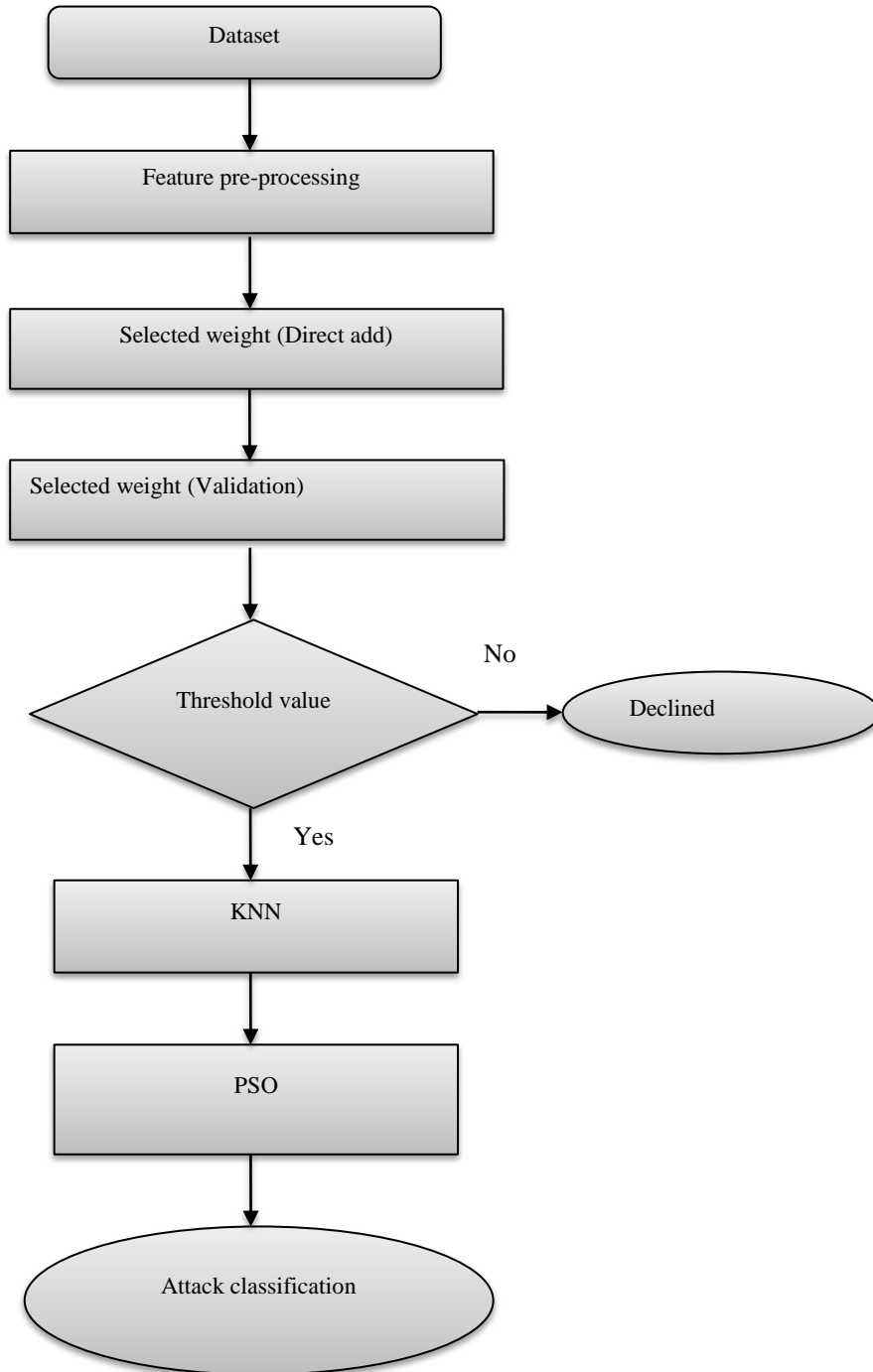
#### **K-nearest neighbor (KNN)**

The validation weights have been transferred to the KNN classifier. It has been used for the classification of the weighted segment. KNN has been used for the classification of the initial features and the content features. The first part has been used for the classification of segregated data from these features. It has been classified based on 50% threshold value.

**PSO**

The remaining features have been transferred to the particle swarm optimization. It has been used for the classification of the weighted segment. PSO has been used for the classification of the traffic and host features. The second part has been used for the

classification of segregated data from these features. It has been classified based on 50% threshold value. Then the aggregated accuracy has been calculated for the final output. *Figure 1* shows the complete process flowchart.



**Figure 1** Flowchart of the KNN-PSO approach

### 4.Results

Figure 2 shows the average classification accuracy with random set 1. Figure 3 shows the average classification accuracy with random set 2. Figure 4 shows the average classification accuracy with random set 3. The results clearly indicate that by

using our approach the average classification accuracy is approximately 98%. The attack considered here are Denial of Service (DoS), User to Root (U2R), Remote to User /Login (R2L) and Probe.

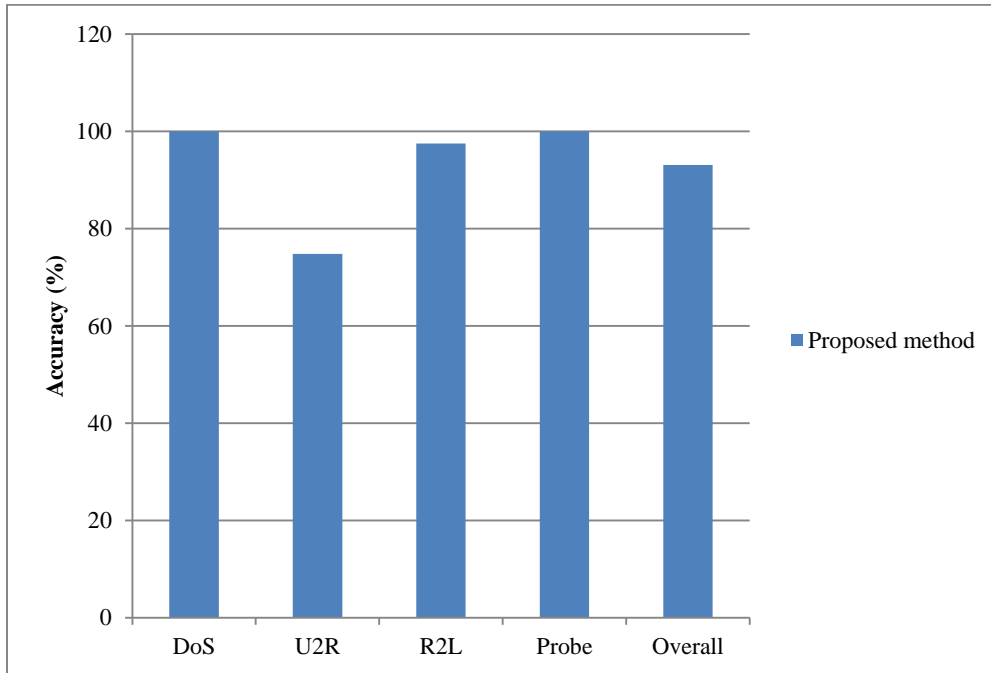


Figure 2 Average classification accuracy with random set 1

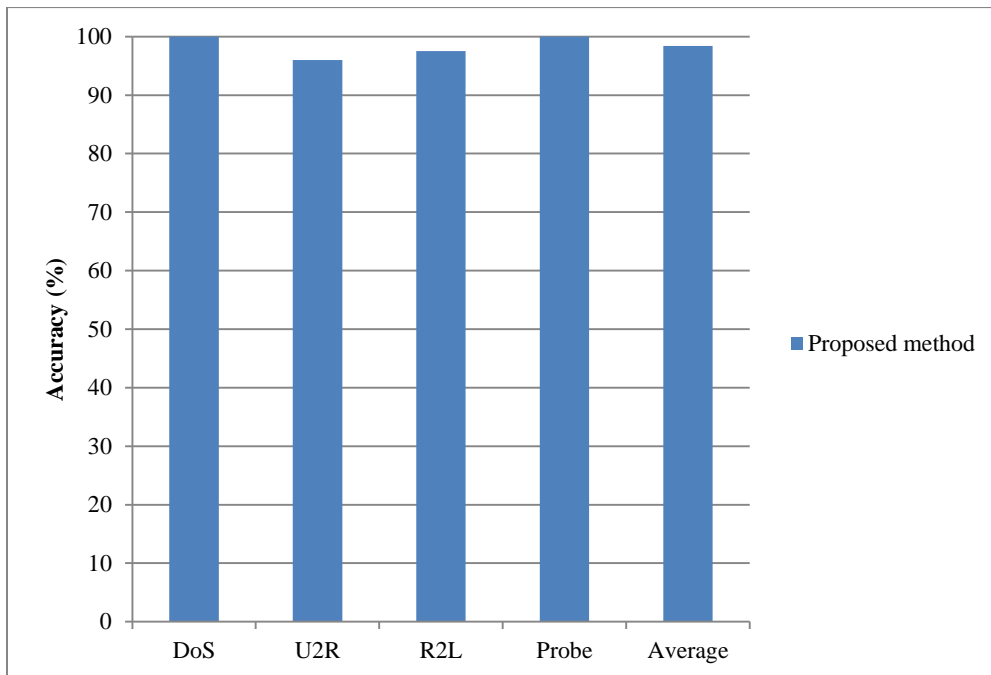
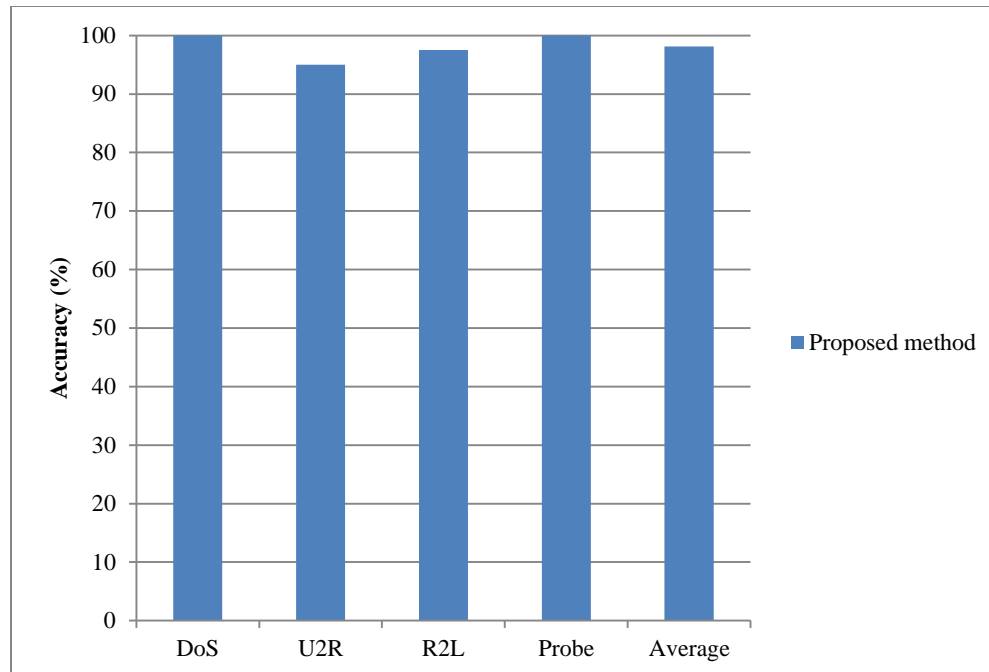


Figure 3 Average classification accuracy with random set 2



**Figure 4** Average classification accuracy with random set 3

## 5. Conclusion

In this paper an efficient intrusion detection system has been presented and discussed with the comparison with different random set. KNN based PSO algorithm has been applied for the classification. First feature based preprocessing has been performed. Then an input set has been created based on the nodes which are not received safe. These nodes are preprocessed with KNN and PSO. The attack considered here are DoS, U2R, R2L and Probe. The average accuracy obtained is 98%.

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## Conflicts of interest

The authors have no conflicts of interest to declare.

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