



## VULNERABILITY DETECTION IN CYBER-PHYSICAL SYSTEM USING MACHINE LEARNING

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**Abstract.** The cyber-physical system is a specific type of IoT communication environment that deals with communication through innovative healthcare (medical) devices. The traditional medical system has been partially replaced by this application, improving healthcare through efficiency, accessibility, and personalization. The intelligent healthcare industry utilizes wireless medical sensors to gather patient health information and send it to a distant server for diagnosis or treatment. The healthcare industry must increase electronic device accuracy, reliability, and productivity. Artificial intelligence (AI) has been applied in various industries, but cybersecurity for cyber-physical systems (CPS) is still a recent topic. This work presents a method for intelligent threat recognition based on machine learning (ML) that enables run-time risk assessment for better situational awareness in CPS security monitoring. Several machine learning techniques, including Naive Bayes (65.4%), Support Vector Machine (64.1%), Decision Tree (89.6%), Random Forest (92.5%), and Ensemble crossover (EC) XG boost classifier (99.64), were used to classify the malicious activities on real-world testbeds. The outcomes demonstrate that the Ensemble crossover XG boost enabled the best classification accuracy. When used in industrial reference applications, the model creates a safe environment where the patient is only made aware of risks when categorization optimism exceeds a specific limit, minimizing security managers' pressure and efficiently assisting their choices.

**Key words:** Cyber-Physical Systems, Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Healthcare, Machine Learning, Critical Infrastructures.

**1. Introduction.** The healthcare landscape has changed due to the assumption of developing automation like the Internet of Things (IoT), intelligent bio-medical sensors (BMSs), and the cloud that have increased life expectancy rates. As a result, it raised people's living standards. The fifth industrial revolution (industry 5.0) is based on a cyber-physical system that connects digital diagnostic products, like computers and the Internet, to physical processes[33]. Healthcare professionals can use H-CPS to process the sensed data and make wise decisions. Medical practitioners must adhere to H-CPS-based procedures to provide better treatment for less money. IoMT smart devices can gather, evaluate, and broadcast various data in a healthcare setting that uses H-CPS.

Additionally, these wearable sensors continuously monitor the patient's health characteristics, such as blood pressure, temperature, and pulse rate, and communicate the information to nearby access systems for computation and feature selection. Using Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled technology, the pre-processed data is sent to remote computing equipment for disease detection or prognosis [18]. The medical sector has recently been exposed to more complex and extensive cyber risks, drawing attention to the lack of cybersecurity skills. For instance, the healthcare supply chain has just been exposed to a new cyber threat, becoming more widespread and stable each year. This threat revealed the industry's overall inadequate cybersecurity architecture. Cyber risk is related explicitly to two concurrent advancements: First, the increasingly pervasive incorporation of technologies, modernization, and novel healthcare systems [34], including automated treatment pathways, electronic health records, individualized therapies, and widely scattered IoMT (Internet of Medical Things) equipment.

On the contrary side, cybersecurity practice upgrading and invention procedures find it challenging to keep up with the rate of advancements in technology. Because of the intersection of these two tendencies, the healthcare industry is highly vulnerable to cyber threat, which has increased in both severity and frequency in

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recent years. The availability of the data, therefore making it impossible for legitimate owners to access the data to make it susceptible to exploitation, as well as the integrity, correctness, and alteration of the accuracy, are three potential targets for cyberattacks in the health sector. Knowing an individual's or a portion of the population's health figure could have financial implications. The requirement to strike a balance between the necessity for security and information privacy and the accessibility of information to maintain the essential benefit of the person's health adds another layer of complexity to many crucial professions, such as healthcare. The above explains why it can be challenging to put stringent cybersecurity controls in place that hamper healthcare, especially in times of need and urgency[11].

The use of AI as a decision support tool while leaving ultimate decision-making in the hands of people was agreed upon by machine learning (ML), artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity. The multiple contributions to this topic proposed some ML 'anomaly-based' approaches. Unfortunately, there are fewer comparative studies to determine the best effective learning method for improved detection capacity and fewer false alarms than for ML approaches. The possibilities of boosting ML approaches' dependability and the extent to which they apply to real-world situations are also major open questions. Even though many security strategies for Critical Infrastructure (CI) have been presented, there are still many obstacles to overcome to autonomously spot risks in the face of complexity, uncertainty, and change, especially when considering phenomena like sensors are compromised [30]. Additionally, a novel perspective on CIs has emerged recently, which they have seen as complicated Medical Cyber-Physical Systems (HCPS).

Modern CPS comprises real and intangible elements, including databases and software algorithms for data elaboration and electro-mechanical devices, sensors, and actuators. Threats can be both tangible and intangible because of the nature of CPS. Cyberthreats, for example, could directly affect the physical components' integrity and indirectly affect the environment's and the related parties' overall health. These threats may also have a chain of associated repercussions. This paper's essential contribution is as follows: We offer a vulnerability assessment technique for CPSs that considers cyber-physical and physical-cyber interdependencies to derive goal-oriented attack routes. The suggested procedure:

- Artificial intelligence is a paradigm for coordinating the efforts of many machine learning algorithms to detect and prevent harmful or malicious occurrences.
- Exposes sophisticated cyber-physical assaults by using vulnerability analysis techniques to deduce the motivations of adversaries.
- Attack route analysis is made more efficient by switching from a blind analysis to an algorithmic analysis with clear end goals.
- It is a practical approach to computing risk and evaluating Likelihood and Impact based on security-relevant criteria.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows: This document is organized for the remaining portions: The relevant work's outline is presented 2, while the material and methods are presented in Section 3. In Section 4, experimental analysis is presented. Section 5 serves as the paper's conclusion.

**2. Related Work.** The CPS explosive expansion, security, and privacy are necessary for reliable communication in innovative healthcare [37]. Sun et al. [24] addressed the privacy and security concerns with IoT in the healthcare sector and remarked on the potential routes for further study. Hu et al. [16] used attribute-based encryption to address the issue of safe communication between a BAN and its data consumer (end-user). According to Chandrasekaran et al. [7], the technique [16] is ineffective for repeated data transfer, and they provide a novel system for safely transmitting data in WBAN. Blockchain technology was used by Egala et al. [10] to create a safe and decentralized platform for sharing health data records without jeopardizing system privacy. Kumar and Chand [22] presented a blockchain-based privacy-privacy data-sharing system for the healthcare sector, where an Identity-based broadcast group encryption technique protects each transaction. As a result, interest in managing complex cybersecurity systems increased, and AI techniques were incorporated to assist with automation [4][13]. AI is revolutionizing cybersecurity due to extensive analysis of data, faster reaction times, and effective customization of threat detection for limited records. Further, Artificial Intelligence has already-existing and synergistic applications for pattern recognition and computer vision to identify physical threats [12]. The authors of [15] have created a hybrid IoT generator, a framework for estimating cellular network performance. This platform was combined with big data and Machine Type Communications traffic

models.[6][1] provides information on the various ML-based strategies. The authors systematically explain how machine learning approaches operate and offer their assessments. An overview of ML algorithms in IoT of healthcare data is provided in [5]. This study uses supervised learning, semi-supervised learning, and unsupervised learning ML model types to classify data from the healthcare industry and show the work on the data. The threat modeling tools STRIDE [1], Factor Analysis of Information Risk (FAIR)[5], and OCTAVE [9] have all been utilized in the process of assessing the level of risk present in CPSs across a variety of application areas. Another prevalent strategy[35] combines two or more methodologies: STRIDE and CVSS. It is possible that the "traditional" impact criteria of confidentiality, integrity, and availability will not be sufficient for CPSs; consequently, the methods used to assess the cyber risk posed by these systems must typically be industry-specific. This is why research on the safety and security of CPSs is carried out simultaneously. In [20], we comprehensively analyze different approaches to co-engineering of safety and security. In [23], we summarize risk assessment techniques applicable to the smart grid scenario. Kandasamy et al. [19] presented a general overview of the methods for assessing the Internet of Things risks. A rundown of a few methods for determining how vulnerable SCADA systems are to attack is provided for us in reference [8][26] delves into the various approaches that can be taken to perform risk assessments in the automotive sector. Recent research, such as that presented in [25], examines various risk assessment strategies for CPS from the perspectives of safety, security, and the integration of all three and proposes specific categorization criteria. Current approaches to risk assessment for CPSs, which primarily focus on either one or the other of these two types of interdependencies, ignore, for the most part, cyber-physical and physical-cyber interdependencies. When researching the system, the authors of[29] focused on its physical components, whereas Homer et al. [14] investigated only the system's cyber components. It has been demonstrated by Krotofil et al. [27] that this is not the case, despite the fact that attackers may use the physics of the mechanism that is behind a CPS. When it comes to developing security policies, these same authors argued that the physical process layer should be considered. According to[28], research into cyber-physical systems needs to adopt a more comprehensive methodology because of the complex intertwining of computer networks and physical processes.

Regrettably, to the best of our knowledge from Table 3.1, no risk assessment method that satisfies this criterion has ever been made public. This study covers a knowledge gap with its recommended practices. The recommended strategy facilitates research of the entire cyber-physical system for each undesired event, in contrast to present methodologies. As a result, the review shows some of the disadvantages over existing methods; hence, in this work, three possibilities were evaluated to find the optimum strategy that will build up the existing research gaps.

**Possibility 1:** This work uses binary classification to alert the customer whenever an abnormality has been found by identifying its kind or context. Knowing the nature of a threat is necessary to take adequate preventative measures, even though its identification is crucial.

**Possibility 2:** Given the four components that make up the system, this instance seeks to tell the operator about the one that the anomaly has affected. As a result, it is an inter-categorization. The classes investigated are 5: pulse rate, temperature, SpO2, blood pressure, and the scenario in which an anomaly impacts no sensor.

**Possibility 3:** The most recent experiment aimed to categorize the incidents into the following categories: failure, damage, accident/damage, cyberattack, failure/damage, and, ultimately, the lack of abnormalities. The response time could be significantly shortened by resorting to relevant risk management by providing the user only with the known malicious scenario.

**3. Materials and Methods.** This paper examines five machine-learning techniques to discover trends in PCA information. They categorize strange events using the selected models, including hardware (sensor issues), cyberattacks, and sabotage. Naive Bayes, SVM, DT, RT, and Ensemble crossover XG boost classifiers are the models that have been chosen depending on the latest research and taking into account the FPR rates attained by prior research. The overall system architecture was shown in Figure 3.1.

Data are periodically gathered from various patients. These data comprise multiple situations structured in CSV files across a range of time—the length of the file changes according to the circumstance and malfunctioning element. Typical operational occasions and strange events include physical malfunctions and cybersecurity issues. For example, a decision-maker may need to understand these scenarios or become aware of them when malicious activity occurs. Attack analysis are crucial because poorly handled circumstances may result in highly

Table 2.1: Comparative analysis of existing methodology

| Tag | Year                              | Protocol      | Attack   | Entrypoint | Control  | Evaluation metric  | Type      |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---------------|--|------------|--|--|-----------|
| 1   | 2022 Khadr et al. (2022)[21]      | ZigBee        | Jamming  | S-S        | Parallel-Channel Security-aware Medium Access Control (PCS-MAC) algorithm                    | Throughput   | Physical  |
| 2   | 2022 Yu and Park (2022)[39]       | IEEE 802.15.6 | Eavesdropping, brute force, service disruption, masquerading               | E-S, S-C   | Authentication protocol based on blockchain technology and PUFs                              | Computation time, communication overhead   | Simulated |
| 3   | 2022 Pu et al. (2022)[32]         | IEEE 802.15.6 | Eavesdropping, data manipulation, replay, service disruption, masquerading | E-S, S-C   | Lightweight, anonymous authentication and key agreement protocol                             | Communication overhead, computation time, energy consumption, CPU time, CPU cycles | Simulated |
| 4   | 2021 Alzahrani et al. (2021)[3]   | IEEE 802.15.6 | Eavesdropping, brute force, replay, masquerading                           | E-S, S-C   | Authenticated key agreement based on Burrows-Abadi-Needham (BAN) Burrows et al. (1990) logic | Computation time, communication overhead, energy consumption                       | Simulated |
| 5   | 2021 Wang et al. (2021)[38]       | IEEE 802.15.6 | Eavesdropping, data manipulation, replay, service disruption, masquerading | E-S, S-C   | Authentication protocol based on blockchain technology and PUFs                              | Computation time, communication overhead   | Simulated |
| 6   | 2021 Hus-sain et al. (2021)[17]   | IEEE 802.11   | Eavesdropping, data manipulation   | S-C, W-C   | Physical layer scheme (Gray code)  | N/A  | Physical  |
| 7   | 2021 Sur-minski et al. (2021)[36] | IEEE 802.11   | Eavesdropping, buffer overflow   | C-A        | Remote attestation   | Runtime, energy consumption, communication overhead, race conditions               | Hybrid    |
| 8   | 2020 Al-ladi et al. (2020)[2]     | IEEE 802.15.6 | Eavesdropping, data manipulation, masquerading, ARP spoofing, replay       | S-C, W-C   | Two-way, two-stage authentication protocol using PUFs  | Computation time   | Simulated |

negative operating costs.

The following stages can be used to breakdown the suggested method:

**3.1. Data Collection.** The dataset was obtained from *iot-healthcare-security-dataset*. The provided dataset includes regular and malicious traffic data for IoT healthcare use cases. A use case was developed for an Internet of Things (IoT)-based Intensive Care Unit (ICU) consisting of two beds. Each bed has nine patient monitoring devices (See Figure 3.2), sensors, and one control unit known as the *Bedx-Control-Unit*. All of these devices were developed with the *IoT-Flock* tool.

The proposed ICU system is based on the Internet of Things (IoT) technology and has a capacity of two beds. Each bed is equipped with nine patient monitoring devices, often called sensors, along with one control unit. The term used to refer to this entity is the *Bedx-Control-Unit*, where 'x' is the number assigned to each bed, ranging from *Bed1* to *Bed2*. The responsibility of the *Bedx-Control-Unit* encompasses several tasks,

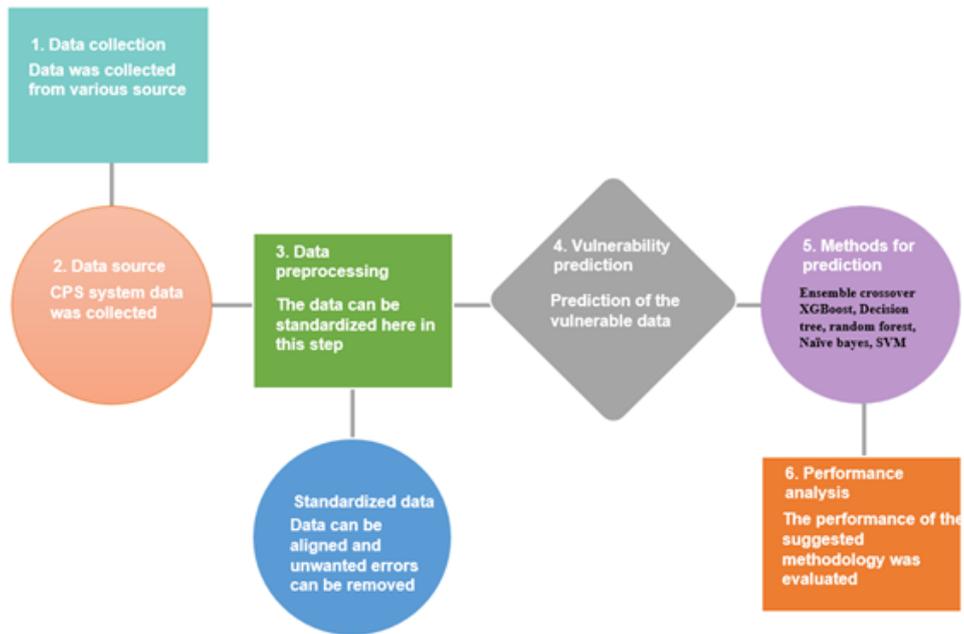


Fig. 3.1: Suggested Architecture of Cyber-Physical System

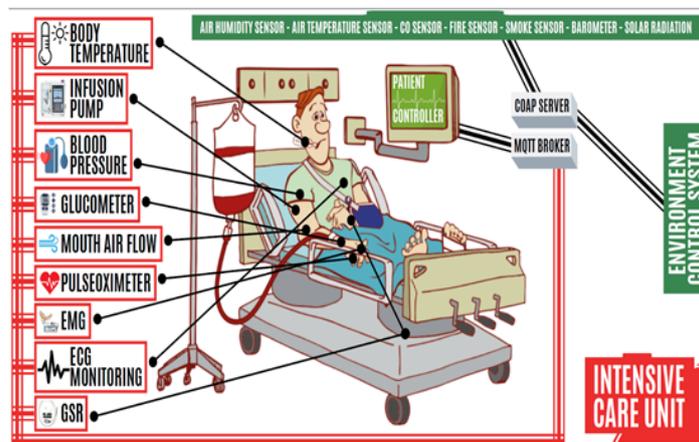


Fig. 3.2: Dataset description

including but not limited to configuring the time profile, determining the dosage administered by an infusion pump, and activating emergency alarms. These activities are contingent upon the patient’s physical status, as monitored by the patient monitoring devices.

In a similar vein, an additional control unit was included to facilitate the monitoring of environmental equipment, which was that named the Environment-Control-Unit. The Environment-Control-Unit is tasked with regulating the environmental conditions inside the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), including maintaining specific temperature and humidity levels, detecting the presence of smoke, and activating an emergency alert in

Table 3.1: Patient monitoring sensors

| Device Name                               | Description  | Data Profile                                | Time Profile |
|---|--|---|--------------|
| Remote Electrocardiogram (ECG) monitoring | Test the electrical and muscular functions of the heart  | Pulse Rate (0-200 bpm)                      | 1.0 s        |
| Infusion Pump                             | A generic device is used to deliver the nutrients and drugs to the patients at a controlled amount | Dose (10-100 mL)                            | 10.0 min     |
| Pulsoximeter (SPO2)                       | A device that tells the oxygen saturation (i.e., amount of oxygen dissolved) in blood              | Oxygen in blood (35-100%)                   | 1.0 s        |
| Nasal/Mouth AirFlow Sensor                | Provides the (breathing) respiratory rate of a patient   | Device Respiratory rate (0-60ppm peaks/min) | 1.0 s        |
| Blood Monitor Sensor                      | Measure the pressure of the blood in the arteries when the heart beats                             | Systolic & diastolic pressure (0-300 mmHg)  | 2.0 s        |
| Glucometer                                | A device used to determine the amount of glucose in the blood.                                     | Glucose in Blood (10-150 mg/dL)             | 10.0 min     |
| Body Temperature                          | Sensor Measures the temperature of the body  | Temperature (0-120 F)                       | 10.0min      |
| Electro-myography (EMG) Sensor            | Measures the electric potential produced by the body's muscles                                     | Muscle rate(contractions/min)(0-60cpm)      | 5.0min       |
| Galvanic skin response (GSR) Sensor       | Measures the electrical conductance of skin  | Conductance(0-20uS)(micro Siemens)          | 5.0 min      |

the event of critical situations in order to uphold the necessary ICU environment. In our specific scenario, both the devices used for patient monitoring operate on the MQTT protocol. The MQTT protocol is characterized by its connection-oriented nature and ability to guarantee the appropriate transmission of packets. Table 3.1 presents an overview of the use case for IoT-based intensive care units.

The attacks identified using this dataset include an MQTT distributed denial-of-service, MQTT publish flood, brute force, and SlowITE attack. The following sections describe the types of attacks that IoT-Flock supports.

- MQTT Publish Flood— A Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack has the potential to deplete the available network bandwidth and exhaust the resources of the targeted victim system. Due to the implementation of more effective mitigation strategies at the network and transport layers, DDoS attackers have shifted their focus towards attacking the application layer. Internet of Things (IoT) devices adhere to either the periodic or event-driven paradigm when transmitting data via application layer protocols. The systematic model device transmits data at regular intervals, such as the temperature sensor sending temperature data to the server every five seconds. In the context of event-driven models, devices transmit data only in response to specific events. For instance, inside an intensive care unit, a motion sensor will only transmit data to the server upon detecting activity in the designated area. According to recent literature, it has been observed that the act of publishing messages at a rapid rate using the MQTT protocol might potentially lead to a denial of service attack. These assaults can potentially impede data transmission significantly and pose substantial risks, particularly in critical sectors such as industrial operations, smart hospitals, and smart transport systems. The potential consequences of data transmission delays may result in the destruction of assets and pose significant risks to human life.
- MQTT Authentication Bypass Attack —To establish a connection with the MQTT broker, which necessitates authentication, MQTT clients transmit MQTT connect requests that include fields for username and password. The discovery was made that the authentication mechanism of MQTT may be circumvented by omitting the password field from the MQTT packet and just supplying a valid username. Despite the mitigation measures used in recent versions of MQTT brokers, the processing

of erroneous packets by an MQTT broker may still result in operational delays, particularly when such packets are sent in substantial quantities. Hence, using IPS to block such an unauthorized packet can mitigate the latency problem associated with the MQTT broker.

- **MQTT Packet Crafting Attack**—The present assault involves deliberately manipulating MQTT packets to cause a targeted application to malfunction or cease functioning entirely. The assailant initiated a connection with the MQTT broker at the Transport layer and started publication without first issuing a connection request to the MQTT broker.
- **COAP Replay Attack**— During this attack, an unauthorized individual does an initial network scan to get the addresses of COAP clients and servers and payload information. Subsequently, the unauthorized individual modifies the payload by substituting it with inaccurate data and transmits it to the COAP server, using a deceptive technique that mimics the Sensors 2021, 21, 3025 12 of 19 COAP client IP. The magnitude of this assault becomes apparent when examining instances in which environmental sensors use COAP protocols to relay ambient data to the COAP server. This may be illustrated when the temperature sensor transmits fluctuations in the intensive care unit's temperature. Subsequently, the condition is established by using the data mentioned above. In the event that an assailant employs IP spoofing techniques, they may transmit a manipulated ICU temperature reading, including anomalous values, hence instigating severe and detrimental consequences inside the ICU environment.

**3.2. Data pre-processing.** This step aims to clarify the information more understandable for the user. The first three steps in pre-processing are: a) Data arrangement: The information must be shown in a logical manner. b) Data scrubbing: Any corrupted or missing data must be removed, replaced, or added to the data. c) Sampling Data: Data must have been sampled regularly before being transferred via communication channels to eliminate redundancy without compromising information.

Transform the data following the algorithm and your understanding of the issue. Feature scaling, deconstruction, or aggregation are all examples of transformation. Features can be aggregated to merge numerous instances into a single element or decomposed to retrieve the valuable components embedded in the data. Three distinct yet interconnected steps can be used to describe this process:

**3.3. Vulnerability prediction.** For the prediction of the CPS vulnerability in which the visualized data can be split up into train and test data, are separately given as input for the Nave Bayes, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree, Random Forest, and Ensemble crossover XG boost classifier listed below,

**a. Decision Tree (DT) Classifier.** A DT is a simple classifier that may be used to put data into groups. In DT, the data is continuously segmented according to a predetermined criterion. Well-known in the field of supervised classification are the DTs. They are effective at categorization tasks, have straightforward decision-making processes, and can be created (trained) quickly and easily thanks to an efficient algorithm. Since it was one of the first elite regression analysis techniques taught to those studying predictive modeling, it has become one of the most well-known approaches in the field.

$$X = [D_x, D_y] \quad (3.1)$$

where  $D_x$  and  $D_y$  are the factors that go into the equation,

$$D_x = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (X_i + X_{i+1}) (Y_i X_{i+1} - Y_{i+1} X_i)}{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (Y_i X_{i+1} - X_{i+1} X_i)} \quad (3.2)$$

and

$$C_y = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (X_i + X_{i+1}) (X Y_{i+1} - X_{i+1} Y_i)}{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (X_i x_{i+1} - X_{i+1} Y_i)} \quad (3.3)$$

**b. Random Forest (RT) Classifier.** The supervised ML model includes the ML approach known as Random Forest. There are several different types of DTs that make up the RF classifier. The predicted accuracy is increased by averaging the subsets of all trees. Instead of relying on only one set of decision trees,

RF takes the average of all the votes to determine the outcome. Each branch of the decision tree responds to a question regarding the current state of affairs.

Possible values for the  $X_i$  property of a nominal (divided) data set are  $L_1, \dots, L_j$ . To get the Gini Index for this characteristic, use the following Equation (3.4) formula.

$$G(X_i) = \sum_{j=1}^j \Pr(Y_i = L_j) (1 - \Pr(Y_i = L_j)) = 1 - \sum_{j=1}^j \Pr(Y_i = L_j)^2 \tag{3.4}$$

**c.Naïve Bayes (NB) Classifier.** It is easy to estimate conditional probabilities using the Bayes' theorem. The Equation (3.5) looks like this:

$$P(A | R) = \frac{P(R | A) * P(A)}{P(R)} \tag{3.5}$$

where  $R$  and  $A$  are random variables,  $P(A | R)$  is the probability that Y if X is true,  $P(R | A)$  is the probability that X if R is true,  $P(R)$  is the probability of X, and  $P(A)$  is the probability of Y if A is true.

**d.Support Vector Machine.**Data vulnerability Classification and Estimation Using a Support Vector Machine Model. In this investigation, we focus on the classification of signal quality, which is often a two-classification issue. In several cases involving categorization into two groups, the SVM-based model performed well. For a given training set  $\{x_i, y_i\}, i = 1 \dots, K$ , where  $x_i$  is a feature vector of length  $x_i \in R^d$ , and  $y_i$  is the label, it is possible to train a classifier. Therefore, the SVM-based model may be used for both estimating and classifying signal quality. The quality estimate label is  $y_i \in \{1, 0\}$ , where excellent and terrible represent extremes.  $y_i \in \{1, -1\}$  is the categorization label for abnormal and normal cases. The goal of a support vector machine (SVM) classifier is not only to differentiate between the classes, but also to create a hyperplane between them. It is also possible to build the ideal hyperplane by solving Equation (3.6), the following optimisation issue.

$$\min \phi(\mathbf{V}) = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{V}) + C \sum_{i=1}^K \xi_i \tag{3.6}$$

subject to

$$y_i ((\mathbf{V}^T \varphi(\mathbf{x}_i)) + b) \geq 1, i = 1, \dots, K.$$

Here  $\xi_i$  is a error relaxation variable and  $\xi_i \geq 0$ ,  $C$  is a factor of penalty, and  $w$  is the coefficient vector.  $\varphi(x_i)$  is presented in order to construct a nonlinear SVM. Converting the optimisation issue into Equation (3.7).

$$\max L(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \sum_{i=1}^K \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^K \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \kappa(\mathbf{Y}_i, \mathbf{Y}_j) \tag{3.7}$$

subject to

$$\sum_{i=1}^K \alpha_i y_i = 0, 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, i = 1, \dots, K$$

where  $k(x_i, y_i)$  is a kernel function. In this work, the RBF kernel function is used. Furthermore, sigma has been determined experimentally to be 14.

**e. Ensemble crossover XGBoost.** This DT ensemble uses gradient boosting, which allows it to scale very well. Similar to gradient boosting, XGBoost maximises an objective function by minimising a loss function. Due to XGBoost's exclusive reliance on DTs as base classifiers, a modified loss function is used to regulate the tree complexity, as shown in Equations (3.8) and (3.9).

$$L_{\text{xgb}} = \sum_{i=1}^N L(y_i, F(Y_i)) + \sum_{m=1}^M \Omega(h_m), \tag{3.8}$$

$$\Omega(h) = \gamma T + \frac{1}{-\lambda} \|\omega\|^2.$$

where the leaf output scores are indicated by the symbol  $\omega$  and  $T$  is the number of leaves on the tree. A prepruning method can be created by incorporating this loss function into the split criterion for decision trees. Higher values result in simpler trees. The amount of loss reduction gain needed to split an internal node is determined by  $\gamma$ . In XGBoost, shrinkage is a further regularisation parameter that lowers the additive expansion step size. Lastly, other strategies, like tree depth, can be employed to keep the complexity of the trees to a minimum. Reduced tree complexity has the added benefit of accelerating model training and requiring less storage space.

The number of records classified as normal, uncertain, or abnormal in each of the reference categories is used to calculate the overall score.

These numbers are denoted by  $Nn_k, Nq_k, Na_k, An_k, Aq_k, \text{ and } Aa_k$ . The various categories of risk level are represented as follows (based on the distribution of the complete test set):

$$\begin{aligned} Va_1 &= \frac{\text{Particular attack abnormal records}}{\text{total abnormal records}}, \\ Va_2 &= \frac{\text{Particular attack abnormal records}}{\text{total abnormal records}}, \\ Vn_1 &= \frac{\text{Dataset cluster normal records}}{\text{total normal records}}, \\ Vn_2 &= \frac{\text{Dataset cluster normal records}}{\text{total normal records}}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

The sensitivity and specificity ratio are defined as (based on a subset of the test set) Equations (3.10) and (3.11).

$$SeVa_1 \frac{Aa_1}{Aa_1 + Aq_1 + An_1} + Va_2 \frac{Aa_2 + Aq_2}{Aa_2 + Aq_2 + An_2} \tag{3.10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Sp &= Vn_1 \frac{Nn_1}{Na_1 + Nq_1 + Nn_1} \\ &+ Vn_2 \frac{Nn_2 + Nq_2}{Na_2 + Nq_2 + Nn_2}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

The overall risk score is then the average of these two values:

$$\text{Overall vulnerable score} = \frac{(Se + Sp)}{2}$$

**4. Experimental Analysis.** The software Matlab has been used to implement the algorithms. The outcomes for each scenario are displayed below.

The simulated output is illustrated in Figure 4.1. The vulnerability was classified as normal and abnormal depending on the obtained risk score. Then, the attack type was identified as MQTT publish flood.

When applied to all of the information that makes up an entire epoch, the loss function yields a numeric estimate of the loss during that time. While developing an iterative curve, some data will inevitably be lost. The resultant curve shows that training and testing the classifier took much less time and effort when compared to previous approaches. Our model is underfitted if there is a substantial gap between the training and validation losses. The training loss may be reduced if more data were included in the sample. (either the overall number of layers or the number of neurons in each layer). Figure 4.2 displays the data we used to calculate the validation loss. However, when evaluating a model’s performance on the validation set, the validation loss statistic is the statistic of choice. The validation set is a subset of the data used to evaluate the performance of the model. The sum of all false positives in both the validation set and the training set is the testing loss. The proposed EC-XG boost strategy results in much lower amounts of level loss than the currently available mechanisms.

The simulated output of the vulnerable values in the dataset by the suggested algorithm was demonstrated using a sample illustrated in Figure 4.3.

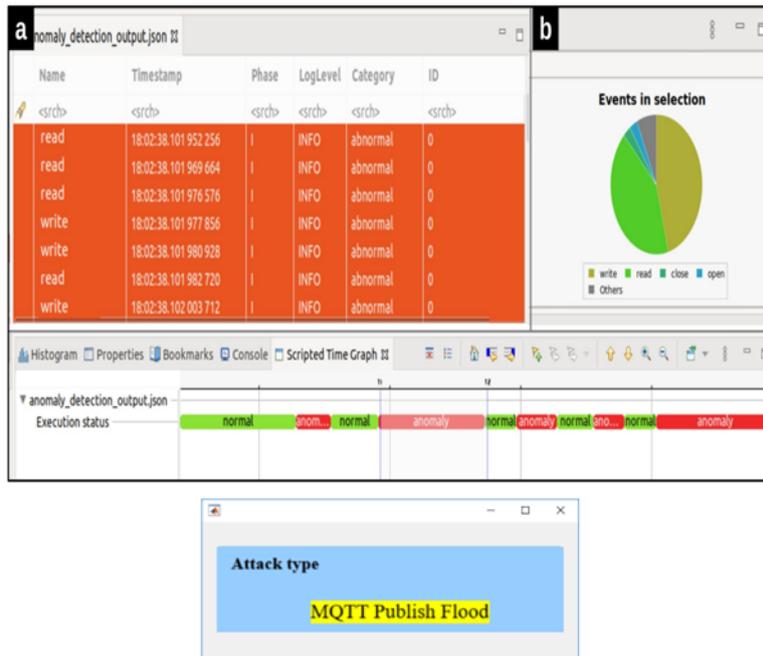


Fig. 4.1: Simulated output

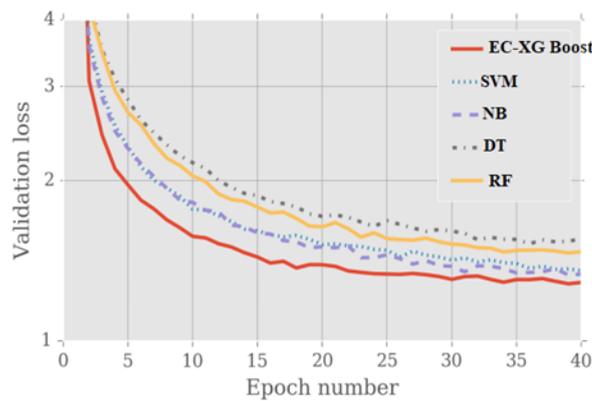


Fig. 4.2: Epoch Vs. Loss

As of from Figure 4.4, training and validation accuracy was calculated. Here, a high level of training and testing accuracy was obtained, showing the mechanism’s efficiency.

Some performance measures are shown below that may be used to verify the effectiveness of the proposed technique. The following metrics have been calculated using the equations (4.1) (4.2) (4.3) to evaluate the trained models:

*Accuracy:* It counts how many potential exploits were accurately identified. How well the findings mirror the

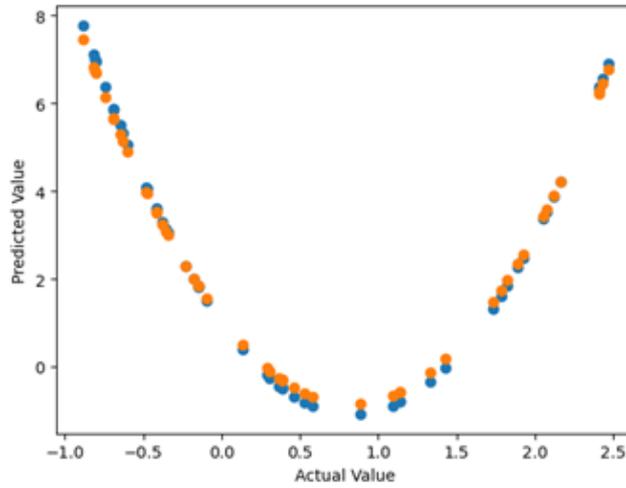


Fig. 4.3: Simulated vulnerability data prediction output

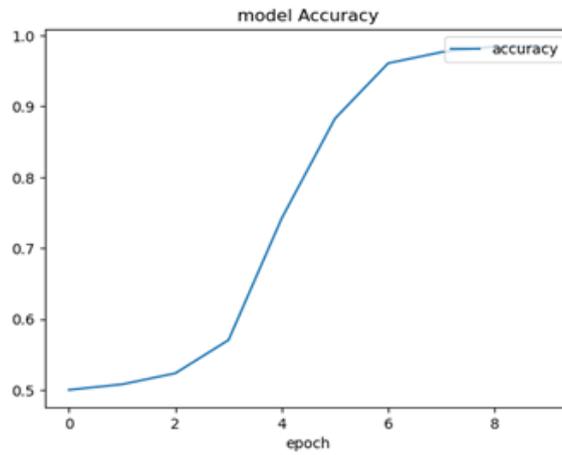


Fig. 4.4: Epoch Vs. accuracy

actual outcomes is determined by this factor.

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{(TP + TN)}{(FN + FP + TN + TP)} \tag{4.1}$$

*Precision:* It determines how accurate the suggested technique behavior is by separating required vulnerable code from the dataset

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{(TP + FP)} \tag{4.2}$$

*Recall:* The ratio of correctly predicted instances and all instances

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{(TP + FN)} \tag{4.3}$$

Table 4.1: Binary classification comparison

| Methodology | Accuracy(%) |
|-------------|-------------|
| SVM         | 64.1 %      |
| NB          | 65.4 %      |
| DT          | 89.6%       |
| RF          | 92.5 %      |
| EC-XG boost | 99.64 %     |

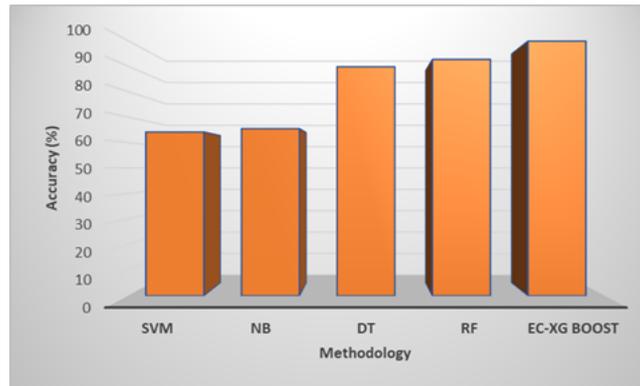


Fig. 4.5: Classification outcome of an algorithm.

Table 4.2: Comparative analysis of the different classifiers

| Classes | Decision Tree |           | SVM    |           | RF     |           | NB     |           | Ensemble XG Boost |           |
|---------|---------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
|         | Recall        | Precision | Recall | Precision | Recall | Precision | Recall | Precision | Recall            | Precision |
| Class 1 | 87.1          | 86.2      | 6.2    | 68.5      | 91.7   | 92.4      | 14.1   | 50.2      | 98.5              | 99.1      |
| Class 2 | 84.3          | 86        | 9.7    | 16.5      | 90.5   | 91.2      | 73     | 10.3      | 97.2              | 98.3      |
| Class 3 | 86.2          | 87        | 32.1   | 10.4      | 91.3   | 92.7      | 25.5   | 10.1      | 99.4              | 98.9      |
| Class 4 | 87.4          | 87.3      | 23.5   | 11.5      | 90.4   | 92.5      | 80.3   | 10.5      | 99.5              | 99.3      |

where

True Positive (TP) : actual = 1, predicted = 1

True Negative (TN) : actual = 0, predicted = 0

False Positive (FP) : actual = 1, predicted = 0

False Negative (FN) : actual = 0, predicted = 1

The classification results of the five algorithms applied to the dataset are shown in Figure 3.2. For Ensemble crossover XG boost, RF, and DT, the maximum accuracy was attained at 99.64%, 92.5%, and 89.6%, respectively.

As of from the table 4.1 and figure 4.5 Ensemble crossover XG boost, RF performs the best, with 99.64% and 92.5% accuracy. The importance of highlighting that both techniques exhibit high Recall and Precision per class, as well as increased sensitivity and a low number of false positives, cannot be overstated and is highlighted in Figure 4.6. 99.64% and 92.5% accuracy are obtained using XG boost and RF, respectively. Due to a correlation between the various cases, which prevents a clear differentiation, the remaining algorithms under examination perform worse than those previously analyzed.

The comparative analysis of the different classifiers over precision and recall was done in Figure 4.6 and Table 4.2. From the analysis, the crossover XG boost classifier overcomes the other methodology by obtaining

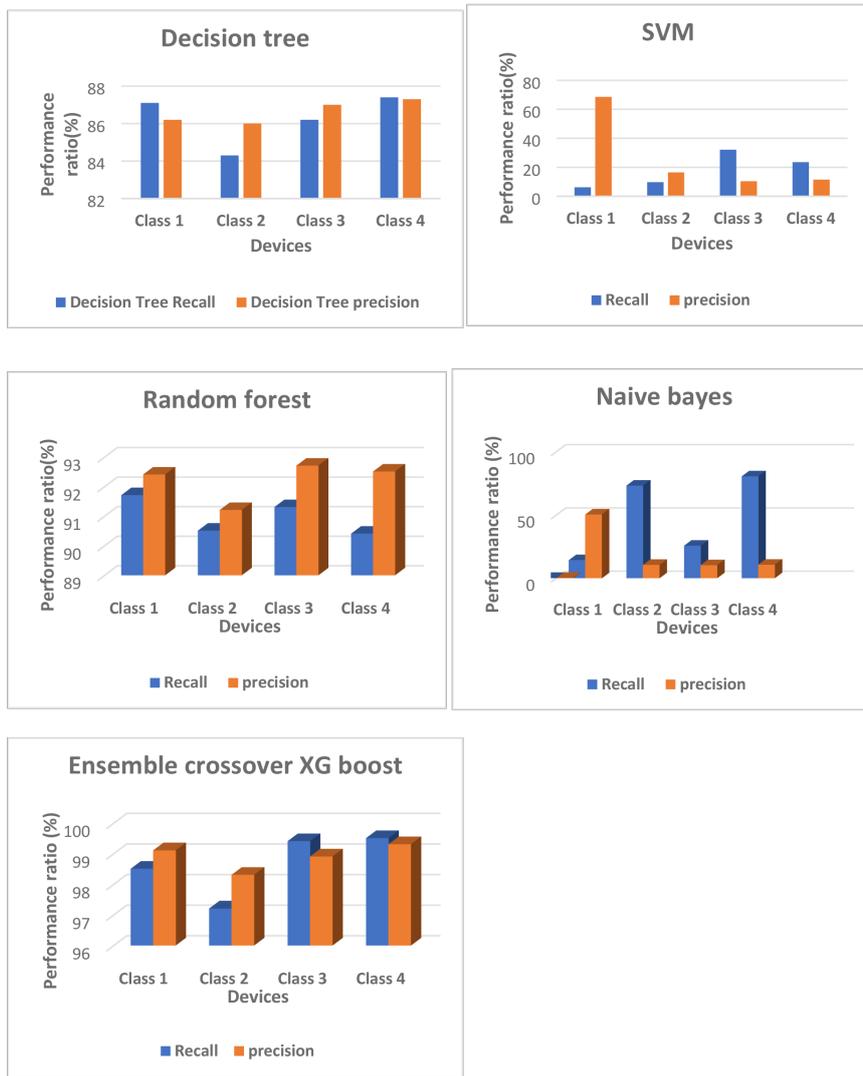


Fig. 4.6: Comparison of Recall and Precision.

a high range of precision and recall.

To prove the efficiency of the suggested methodology it can be compared with the existing methodologies [31].

From the result obtained from the above analysis (See Table 4.3), it was revealed that the suggested EC-XGboost methodology expresses more satisfied results than other existing mechanisms by getting a higher range of performance ratio over CPS vulnerability prediction than the other mechanism in use.

Table 4.3: Comparative performance analysis

| S.No | Methods                     | AUC    | TN     | FP     | FN    | TP    | Accuracy(%) | F1     | Time (s) |
|------|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------------|--------|----------|
| 1    | ResNet                      | 0.8490 | 82.270 | 11.320 | 3.490 | 2.920 | 85.190      | 28.290 | 6330     |
| 2    | Inception                   | 0.9610 | 93.500 | 0.200  | 4.100 | 2.310 | 95.710      | 51.760 | 9760     |
| 3    | FCN                         | 0.9550 | 88.160 | 5.430  | 3.920 | 2.490 | 90.650      | 34.760 | 10160    |
| 4    | MLP                         | 0.7580 | 72.220 | 21.370 | 4.860 | 1.550 | 73.770      | 10.550 | 1130     |
| 5    | GC-LSTM + Resnet            | 0.9740 | 93.290 | 0.310  | 3.270 | 3.140 | 96.420      | 63.770 | 10560    |
| 6    | GC-LSTM + Inception         | 0.9760 | 92.100 | 1.490  | 3.350 | 3.060 | 95.160      | 55.870 | 14090    |
| 7    | GC-LSTM + FCN               | 0.9720 | 92.280 | 1.30   | 3.680 | 2.730 | 95.010      | 52.260 | 1342. 0  |
| 8    | GC-LSTM + MLP               | 0.9370 | 93.400 | 0.190  | 6.130 | 0.280 | 93.680      | 8.140  | 765. 0   |
| 9    | CyResGrid                   | 0.9840 | 93.470 | 0.130  | 3.420 | 2.990 | 96.450      | 65.030 | 714. 0   |
| 10   | Ensemble crossover XG Boost | 0.990  | 94.0   | 0.0010 | 2.000 | 3.200 | 99.60       | 98.90  | 50       |

**5. Conclusion.** To enhance the maintenance of the integrity of CI based on CPS, this work aimed to construct computational mathematics on a pertinent case analysis with appropriate information. The overall evaluation revealed that Ensemble crossover XG boost, RF, and DT outperformed SVM and Naive Bayes in performance. Ensemble crossover XG boost demonstrated the best performance across all algorithms, with 99.64% accuracy in scenario classification. The dataset's instance count should be increased to improve Ensemble crossover XG boost accuracy. Cyber-physical security significantly impacts society, business, and the economy and is crucial to safeguarding vital infrastructure. Protection against cyber threats can be considerably enhanced by awareness of the most recent technology and dangers. To improve scenario identification, rescue operations, and strategic planning, it will be essential for CPS security in the future to automate threat detection and the activation of suitable remedies using Security Orchestration, Automation, and Response (SOAR) systems. Our proposed approach will eventually be used for virtual and distributed Linux deployments. We also aim to use a caching method and batch processing to boost our solution's speed. Each microservice in our architecture will use a "PROSPECT" secure data container, allowing for granular role-based and attribute-based access control to be applied to the settings stored within. A relational database management system would be combined with this.

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