## Towards attack detection in traffic data based on spectral graph analysis



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## Outline

- Cybersecurity and cyberattacks
- A network can be modeled by a (dynamical) graph
- Anomaly Detection, the State-of-the-Art
- Spectral Graph Analysis, a new approach for cybersecurity
- Experiments & Evaluation
- Overlook over the Notebooks
- Future works

#### Cybersecurity against attacks



## Graph represents a networks



### State-of-the-Art



#### Statistical Approaches

A real-time network anomaly-detector (ReTiNA)

Traditional systems use elementary statistics techniques and are often inaccurate

#### ML Approaches

CAMLPAD model anomalies are assigned an outlier score ML-based techniques are supervised algorithms

In network security, there are not much labeled data to train efficient classifiers

#### GCN Approaches

One of the best choice for graph data learning tasks

The Dynamic Graph Neural Networks (DGNNs) are known to be an interesting tool to detect anomalies in complex dynamic graphs

- Noble, J., Adams, N.: Real-time dynamic network anomaly detection. IEEE Intelligent Systems 33(2), 5–18 (2018)

- Hariharan, A., Gupta, A., Pal, T.: Camlpad: Cybersecurity autonomous machine

learning platform for anomaly detection. In: Future of Information and Communication Conference. pp. 705–720. Springer (2020)

- Bowman, B., Huang, H.H.: Towards next-generation cybersecurity with graph ai.
- ACM SIGOPS Operating Systems Review 55(1), 61–67 (2021)

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Neurocomputing, 444:217-225, 2021.

### Why Spectral graph analysis?



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#### Spectral graph analysis Studying the spectrum of the Laplacian Matrix **Mathematical** techniques X 🖸 $\lambda_0$ math Feature extraction Analyze graph properties Towards attack detection in traffic data based on spectral graph analysis 7

#### Laplacian Matrix



$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{i,j} \coloneqq \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \neq j \text{ and } v_i \sim v_j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

 $D_{i,j} := egin{cases} \deg(v_i) & ext{if } i=j \ 0 & ext{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

 $L_{i,j} := egin{cases} \deg(v_i) & ext{if } i = j \ -1 & ext{if } i 
eq j ext{ and } v_i ext{ is adjacent to } v_j \ 0 & ext{otherwise}, \end{cases}$ 

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## What is a spectrum?

the spectrum refers to the set of **eigenvalues** of the **Laplacian matrix**.





## **Spectrum Interesting eigenvalues**



- De Abreu, N. M. M. (2007). Old and new results on algebraic connectivity of graphs. Linear algebra and its applications, 423(1), 53-73.

- Bauer, F., Jost, J.: Bipartite and neighborhood graphs and the spectrum of the normalized graph laplacian. arXiv preprint arXiv:0910.3118 (2009)



#### **Spectrum Interesting EV - Example**



#### **Research Question**

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How can we benefit from spectral graph analysis to identify and detect cyberattacks over the network?



#### Methodology



## **Dynamic Metrics**

Metric 1 Connectedness

• Increases when interconnections occur in the network.

#### Metric 2 Flooding

• This metric is influenced by the occurrence of connections as well as the weight of those connections.

#### Wiringness

Metric 3

Metric 4

• It always increases when connections occur and its slope across time depends on the packets sizes.

#### Asymmetry

- It corresponds to the number of variations of  $\Lambda(t)$  and the symmetry of the graph

## Metric 1 - Connectedness

$$\mu_1(t) = \frac{\exp \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(t)}}{\exp(1)}$$

 $\mathcal{Z}(t)$  number of zeros in the spectrum.

$$\lim_{\mathbf{Z}(t)\to\infty}\mu_1=e^{-1}$$

$$\lim_{\mathbf{Z}(t)\to 1}\mu_1=1$$



Chung, F. R. (1997). Spectral graph theory (Vol. 92). American Mathematical Soc.

## Metric 2 - Flooding

$$\mu_2(t) = \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=\mathcal{Z}(t)+1}^{\mathcal{Z}(t)+N} \lambda_i^{(t)}\right) - 1$$

 ${\mathcal N}$  is the number of servers/hubs



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## Metric 3 - Wiringness

$$\mu_3(\mathbf{t}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=n-N+1}^n \lambda_i^{(t)}$$

 ${\mathcal N}$  is the number of servers/hubs





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## Metric 4 - Asymmetry



### Implementation and datasets



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### **Attack analysis**







Binary label of Healthcare security dataset

### Network patterns – Star graphs



[Boo+21] Tim M Booij et al. "ToN\_IoT: The role of heterogeneity and the need for standardization of features and attack types in IoT network intrusion data sets". In: IEEE Internet of Things Journal 9.1 (2021), pp. 485–496.

[Kor+19] Nickolaos Koroniotis et al. "Towards the development of realistic botnet dataset in the internet of things for network forensic analytics: Bot-iot dataset". In: Future Generation Computer Systems 100 (2019), pp. 779–796.

#### Experiments – Scenario 1 – Attack behavior



#### **Experiments – Scenario 2 – Normal behavior**



#### **Experiments Evaluation**

Attack behavior vs Normal behavior



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## **Metrics over real dataset**

Detect attacks



Dataset

Connectedness Flooding Wireness Assymetry

Apply metrics on dataset

## **Challenges over real datasets**



### From dataset to timeseries



	stime	saddr	daddr	pkts	attack	requests	
0	1526344032 -	192.168.100.46	192.168.100.5	$\sum pkts = 89,609$	0	$\sum$ weight = 2	
		192.168.100.3	13.55.154.73	$\sum pkts = 29726$	0	1	
1	1526344033	192.168.100.7	13.55.154.75	$\sum pkts = 3018$	0	1	
2	1526344121	192.168.100.1	192.168.100.3	$\sum pkts = 4$	0	1	

Sergio Iglesias Pérez, Santiago Moral-Rubio, and Regino Criado. 2021. A new approach to combine multiplex networks and time series attributes: Building intrusion detection systems (IDS) in cybersecurity. Chaos, Solitons & Fractals 150 (2021), 111143.

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#### Time-windowing with spectral metrics



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#### **Time-windowing with spectral metrics**



### Phases

#### XGBoost is used for classification over different approaches

Tianqi Chen and Carlos Guestrin. 2016. Xgboost: A scalable tree boosting system. In Proceedings of the 22nd acm sigkdd international conference on knowledge discovery and data mining. 785–794.



### Results

Botnet dataset		COD	CTS	CTW	SM
	F1 Score	1	0.8750	1	1
	Balanced Acc	1	0.8888	1	1
DDoS	MCC	1	0.8816	1	1
	Precision	1	1	1	1
	Recall	1	0.7777	1	1
	F1 Score	0.8937	0.9966	0.9990	0.9994
	Balanced Acc	0.9760	0.9133	0.9834	0.9942
ScanService	MCC	0.8835	0.8965	0.9797	0.9885
	Precision	0.8225	0.9939	0.9984	0.9994
	Recall	0.9783	0.9993	0.9997	0.9994
	F1 Score	0.2617	0.8235	0.9953	0.9953
05	Balanced Acc	0.5804	0.8798	0.9953	0.9953
Eingerprint	MCC	0.3198	0.8240	0.9952	0.9952
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	Recall	0.1633	0.7608	8888         1         1           .8816         1         1           .8816         1         1           .8816         1         1           .7777         1         1           .9966         0.9990         0.99           .9133         0.9834         0.99           .8965         0.9797         0.98           .9939         0.9984         0.99           .9993         0.9997         0.99           .8235         0.9953         0.99           .8798         0.9952         0.99           .8240         0.9952         0.99           .8240         0.9957         0.99           .8666         1         1           .7608         0.9907         0.99           .6666         1         1           .75         1         1           .66703         1         1           .66         1         1           .001         0.03         0.03	0.9907
	F1 Score	0.5333	0.6666	1	1
	Balanced Acc	0.7856	0.7998	1	1
Keylogging	MCC	0.5344	0.6703	1	1
	Precision	0.5	0.75	1	1
	Recall	0.5714	0.6	1	1
Prediction Time (sec)		0.24	0.01	0.03	0.03

TonIoT dataset		COD	CTS	CTW	SM
	F1 Score	0.9764	0.6175	0.9943	1
	Balanced Acc	0.9833	0.7628	0.9971	1
DDoS	MCC	0.9752	0.6256	0.9943	1
	Precision	0.9857	0.7465	0.9943	1
	Recall	0.9674	0.5265	0.9943	1
	F1 Score	0.9837	0.9054	0.9957	1
	Balanced Acc	0.9902	0.9403	0.9964	1
DoS	MCC	1	0.8816	1	1
	Precision	0.9863	0.9304	0.9985	1
	Recall	0.9811	0.8817	0.9928	1
	F1 Score	0.9890	0.3363	0.9938	1
	Balanced Acc	0.9959	0.6102	0.9995	1
Scanning	MCC	0.9884	0.3631	0.9933	1
	Precision	0.9852	0.6411	0.9877	1
	Recall	0.9928	0.2279	1	1
	F1 Score	0.8290	0.2978	0.9243	0.9949
	Balanced Acc	0.9131	0.5973	0.9526	0.9949
Ransomware	MCC	0.8193	0.3450	0.9240	0.9948
	Precision	0.8218	0.6202	0.9438	1
	Recall	0.8364	0.196	0.9057	0.9898
	F1 Score	0.9735	0.8445	0.8428	0.9972
	Balanced Acc	0.9808	0.9040	0.8732	0.0000
SOL Injection	MCC	0.9721	0.8433	0.8480	0.9972
ugu injection	Precision	0.9848	0.8827	0.9762	0.9946
	Recall	0.9624	0.8094	0.7468	1
	F1 Score	0.9808	0.7304	0.9148	0.9939
	Balanced Acc	0.9882	0.0522	0.0748	0.9966
Password	MCC	0.9002	0.7363	0.9740	0.9900
Lassword	Precision	0.9790	0.6022	0.9125	0.9937
	Recall	0.9772	1         0.8816         1         1           0.9863         0.9304         0.9985         1           0.9811         0.8817         0.9928         1           0.9890         0.3363         0.9938         1           0.9959         0.6102         0.9995         1           0.9884         0.3631         0.9933         1           0.9852         0.6411         0.9877         1           0.9928         0.2279         1         1           0.8200         0.2978         0.9243         0.9949           0.9131         0.5973         0.9526         0.9949           0.8193         0.3450         0.9240         0.9948           0.8218         0.6202         0.9438         1           0.8364         0.196         0.9057         0.9898           0.9735         0.8445         0.8428         0.9972           0.9808         0.9040         0.8732         0.9999           0.9721         0.8433         0.8480         0.9972           0.9848         0.8827         0.9762         0.9946           0.9724         0.8094         0.7468         1           0.9978		
	F1 Score	0.8710	0.6731	1	1
	Relanced Acc	0.0710	0.8043	1	1
XSS	MCC	0.9509	0.6753	1	1
100	Precision	0.8336	0.07513	1	1
	Recell	0.0120	0.6006	1	1
	Et Saara	0.9120	0.0090	1 0.0028	1 0.0005
	Palamand Arr	0.9985	0.8028	0.9928	0.9995
Backdoor	MCC	0.9989	0.8928	0.9967	0.9993
Dackgoor	Draginion	0.9984	0.0303	0.9923	0.9995
	Precision	0.999	0.9437	0.9910	1
	Recall Et C	0.9980	0.7880	0.9939	0.999
	F1 Score	0.7239	0.4542	0.7640	1
10.14	Balanced Acc	0.8733	0.6747	0.8148	1
MIIM	MCC	0.7235	0.4742	0.7818	1
	Precision	0.7017	0.6458	0.9714	1
	Recall	0.7476	0.3502	0.6296	1
Prediction Time (se	ec)	0.83	0.31	0.21	0.15

#### **Feature Importance**

Botnet dataset







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### **Spectral Metrics Behavior**



Spectral metrics behavior before and after the attack in Botnet IoT dataset



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#### Notebooks

BoTnet IoT - Baseline	▲ 0 / Edit	:
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In this Kaggle document we will handle the below strategies:		
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☑ A baseline analysis for the dataset using all default features 😃		
A baseline analysis for the dataset using specific features		
A baseline analysis for the dataset using time-windowing and default features (a)		
A baseline analysis for the dataset using time-windowing and spectral metrics features (a)		
☑ Timeseries analysis over Service-Scan attack (₽)		
☑ Timeseries analysis over Service-Scan attack with Balancing . (2)		
📌 First: Load Data		
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verbose = True		
eval_ML = True		

## **Coming work**

- Find new datasets to verify the performance of our introduced spectral metrics.
- Explain why spectral metrics works for different attacks, and different graph patterns.
- Integrate spectral metrics within the Graph processing for Machine Learning (GPML) library.

# Thank you

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# **Any Questions**



