

# DDoS Detection Using Machine Learning Under SDN Context

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**Abstract-** *Software-Defined Networking is the future of networking that decouples data and control layers from network devices for centralized network management. SDN provides excellent network management and security, allowing you to program your network in a convenient and easy-to-use manner. However, SDN is vulnerable to attacks. DDOS attacks are the most dangerous and threaten the network because they overload the network, block access to network servers with a large number of packets, and use network resources to avoid answering additional incoming calls question. It is well known that the number of DDOS attacks only increases in cloud environments. The proposed method combines statistical and machine learning techniques to effectively detect and block DDOS attacks on SDN. This method is implemented using Ryu controller and mini-network simulator with OpenFlow SDN protocol. The algorithm implemented for machine learning provides 99.26% accuracy and 100% detection rate when detecting and protecting DDOS attacks from software-defined networks.*

**Keywords-** DDoS Detection, Machine Learning, Software Define Network.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The trend towards cloud computing has grown rapidly in industry and academia in recent years, thanks to the key opportunities that traditional networks can provide. Cloud networking trends. SDN is a networking technology that improves network performance and management, provides centralized network management, and allows you to program network devices. (Xiaetal. (2015)).

SDN separates network device control and baud rate and allows SDN controllers to program control layers. The SDN architecture consists of three layers: an infrastructure layer with network devices such as switches and hosts, a control layer that implements controllers, and an application layer for network applications. SDN is used to monitor and manage the network from a single location. This makes it easy to change and manage network devices on your network. The internship improves scalability, performance, control, and provides flexibility and cloud management. Software-Defined Networked Clouds are deployed on cloud computing networks

to enhance network security and control and Network as a Service (NAAS) (Yanetal. (2016)).

## II. RELATEDWORK

**Authors Xu and Liu (2016) presented a parallel algorithmic technique** for modifying the flow monitoring of network switches to quickly identify potential victims, malicious traffic, and suspicious attackers. The author experimented with their designs, and the author's claim is well supported by the graphics and article results. However, there is not enough detail in this article about the modeling tools and techniques used to obtain results obtained to achieve high accuracy in asymmetric flow detection.

**Wang et al. (2019) proposes four feature extraction methods** including collecting traffic and bitrate data, symmetric and asymmetric power fluctuations, and the number of packets outgoing from the network. The proposed algorithm is implemented using the Ryu controller and simulated using Mininet. The results showed that the response time of the controller to DDOS attacks is reduced.

**3. The approach of Bushan and Gupta (2019) is to tune the software-defined size of the network flow table to protect against DDOS attacks.** This is because most DDOS attacks fill table records and block new records. Switch input. The architecture has two databases: blacklist resources and stream table state. The flow table status contains the network power input status for all switches. The blacklist status stores the original IP addresses of malicious attack traffic entering your network. When the flow table is full, find the closest switch to pass traffic and do not set the size of the flow table. This method actually allows malicious traffic on the network. This can be dangerous to the network and

There is no early warning system. The author experimented with this method and presented the results, implemented it using Pox controller, a Python-based driver, and created a simulation environment using Mininet. Since there is no strategy for early detection of limitations, assessments are documented and detailed in order to reproduce and reproduce the experiment.

**Myint Oo et al. (2019) proposes a machine learning algorithm based on an extended support vector machine.** In this study, the ASVM algorithm predicts DDOS attacks on SDN by collecting data and classifying parameters during the feature extraction phase. This method aims to reduce the time for testing and training machine learning algorithms to work. The implementation takes place in an open daylight control and simulation environment implemented with Mininet, and the ASVM method claims the authors have a recognition accuracy of 97% and the shortest test and training time. The author's argument is well supported by the graphical results of the article.

**Dehkordie et al. (2020) applies a combination of entropy-based learning and machine learning methods** the author's approach consists of three stages: traffic data collection, entropy threshold and ML classifier. It collects data, applies a static threshold based on entropy to increase only malicious traffic, and then applies those records using machine learning algorithms. Experiments were performed using reflector drivers, and network modelling and topology were performed by Mininet. The results show that this approach provides better accuracy and predicts DDOS detection result.

### III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

Existing network systems are vulnerable to attacks and can cause data protection problems and data protection breaches in network information packets. To help prevent network attacks on public networks, this white paper presents methods for detecting and defending against software-defined network DDOS attacks using network statistical analysis and machine learning techniques. SDN-based networking allows separation of control and data layers for network devices. A centralized management mechanism has been implemented to prevent unauthorized access to the network. All incoming network traffic has some characteristics and parameters that are defined for each stream of network packets. These attributes are collected as training capabilities and testing methods to prevent DDOS attacks on networks that use software-defined networks. The following features and parameters are monitored and combined to detect DDOS attacks.

**Speed of IP Sources:** This feature provides the total amount of incoming TP resources on the network in a given time interval. It is abbreviated as SSIP and is defined as

$$SSIP = \text{SumIPsrc} / IP$$

SumIPsrc is the total number of incoming IP sources for each stream, and T is the sampling time interval. The time

interval T is set to 3 seconds, so the detection system monitors and collects stream data every 3 seconds and stores the source IP address for this period. The controller needs enough attack data and legitimate traffic data so that machine learning algorithms can predict attacks. In a normal attack, SSIP is usually low, and in an attack, it is high.

**Flow Count of the Traffic:** All network traffic coming from the network has a certain number of flows. Normal traffic flow is less than DDOS attack traffic.

**Speed of Flow Entries:** This is the total number of streaming inputs to switches on the network over a given time interval. Abbreviated as SFE, it is defined as:

$$SFE = N/T$$

In the case of a DDOS attack, the number of stream entries increases significantly at regular intervals compared to the value of the stream entry rate in the stream, which is a very important property for detecting attacking traffic.

**Ratio of Pair-Flow Entries:** This is the total amount of incoming traffic that goes through the switch. H. Interactive IP addresses divided by the total number of streams in period T. This is abbreviated as RPF and is defined as:

$$RPF = \text{SrcIPs} / N$$

Where SrcIP is the total number of communicating IP addresses in the network stream, and N is the total number of IP addresses. Under normal traffic conditions, the source IP address of the *i*th stream coincides with the destination IP address of the *j*th stream, and the *j*th stream is the same source IP address as the destination IP address of the *i*th stream. This is an interactive stream and does not cover DDOS traffic. During an attack, the input stream to the target host increases rapidly at time T, and the target host becomes unresponsive.

Consequently, when a DDOS attack is initiated, the total number of joint threads for the attacking traffic is drastically reduced. By dividing the total number of shared streams by the total number of streams, this discovery parameter can be extended to the network under different operating conditions.

These are 4 parameters and properties extracted from each inbound traffic stream programmed into the Ryu SDN controller. Using this extracted feature data, the SVM / Decision Tree machine learning algorithm can detect malicious traffic reaching the network and classify it as normal or DDOS traffic.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Software-Defined Networks provide the ability to programmatically design and operate networks not found in traditional networks. The main goal of this work is to detect and respond to DDOS attacks in the cloud using SDN. The applied method is a combination of the SVM algorithm with statistical functions such as the source IP address for machine learning to detect and predict DDOS attacks on the network, the stream reception rate, the number of streams and the ratio of stream pairs. Experience shows that the method provided by Of can provide 99.26% accuracy and 100% malicious traffic detection rate without false traffic predictions. However, security is not a complete test and can always be compromised in the same way if there are flaws in the way it is implemented. Attacks from trusted IP sources can be used by SVMs to send unexpected and malicious traffic across the network.

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