

DETECTING ELECTRICAL THEFT IN SMART GRIDS USING MACHINE LEARNING

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Abstract: Electricity theft is a global problem that negatively affects both utility companies and electricity users. It destabilizes the economic development of utility companies, causes electric hazards and impacts the high cost of energy for users. The development of smart grids plays an important role in electricity theft detection since they generate massive data that includes customer consumption data which, through machine learning and deep learning techniques, can be utilized to detect electricity theft. This paper introduces the theft detection method which uses comprehensive features in time and frequency domains in a deep neural network-based classification approach. We address dataset weaknesses such as missing data and class imbalance problems through data interpolation and synthetic data generation processes. We analyze and compare the contribution of features from both time and frequency domains, run experiments in combined and reduced feature space using principal component analysis and finally incorporate minimum redundancy maximum relevance scheme for validating the most important features. We improve the electricity theft detection performance by optimizing hyper parameters using a Bayesian optimizer and we employ an adaptive moment estimation optimizer to carry out experiments using different values of key parameters to determine the optimal settings that achieve the best accuracy. Lastly, we show the competitiveness of our method in comparison with other methods evaluated on the same dataset. On validation, we obtained 97% area under the curve (AUC), which is 1% higher than the best AUC in existing works, and 91.8% accuracy, which is the second-best on the benchmark.

1. INTRODUCTION

ELECTRICITY theft is a problem that affects utility companies worldwide. More than \$96 billion is lost by utility companies worldwide due to Non-Technical Losses (NTLs) every year, of which electricity theft is the major contributor [1]. In sub-Saharan Africa, 50% of generated energy is stolen, as reported by World Bank [2]. The ultimate goal of electricity thieves is to consume energy without being billed by utility companies [3], or pay the bills amounting to less than the consumed amount [4]. As a result, utility companies suffer a huge revenue loss due to electricity theft. [5] reports that in 2015, India lost \$16.2 billion, Brazil lost \$10.5 billion and Russia lost \$5.1 billion. It is estimated that approximately \$1.31 billion (R20 billion) revenue loss incurred by South Africa (through Eskom) per year is due to electricity theft [2]. Apart from revenue loss, electricity theft has a direct negative impact on the stability and reliability of power grids [3]. It can lead to surging electricity, electrical systems overload and public safety threats such as electric shocks [4]. It also has a direct impact on energy tariff increases, which affect all customers [3]. Implementation of smart grids comes with many opportunities to solve the electricity theft problem [4]. Smart grids are usually composed of traditional power grids, smart meters and sensors, computing facilities to monitor and control grids, etc., all connected through the communication network [6]. Smart meters and sensors collect data such as electricity usage, grid status, electricity price, etc. [6]. Many Utilities

sought to curb electricity theft in traditional grids by examining meters' installation and configurations, checking whether the power line is bypassed, etc. [4]. These methods are expensive, inefficient and cannot detect cyber attacks [4], [7]. Recently, researchers have worked towards detecting electricity theft by utilizing machine learning classification techniques using readily available smart meters data. These theft detection methods have proved to be of relatively lower costs [8]. However, existing classification techniques consider time-domain features and do not regard frequency-domain features, thereby limiting their performance.

Regardless of the fact that there is active ongoing research on electricity theft detection, electricity theft is still a problem. The major cause of delay in solving this problem may be that smart grids deployment is realized in developed nations while developing nations are lagging behind [9]. The challenges of deploying smart grids include the lack of communication infrastructure and users' privacy concerns over data reported by the smart meters [10]. However, [10] reports that smart meters are being considered by many developed and developing countries with aims that include solving NTLs. [11] predicted smart grids global market to triple in size between 2017 and 2023, with the following key regions leading smart grids deployment: North America, Europe and Asia. In this paper, we present an effective electricity theft detection method based on carefully extracted and selected features in Deep Neural Network (DNN)-based classification approach. We show that employing frequency-domain features as opposed to

using time-domain features alone enhances classification performance. We use a realistic electricity consumption dataset released by State Grid Corporation of China (SGCC) accessible at [12]. The dataset consists of electricity consumption data taken from January 2014 to October 2016.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

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Electricity theft and illicit ground surface conductor connections are widespread in South Africa. This phenomena not only causes revenue loss and equipment damage, but it also poses a life-threatening hazard. Despite decades of research into non-technical losses, no general solution has been given due to the problem's complexity. This research studies the use of zero-sequence current-based detection as a mitigation approach for dealing with unauthorized ground surface conductor connections. The validity of this technique, as well as its influence on seasonal changes in soil resistivity, is demonstrated by simulation and experimental data.

2.2 Z. Zheng, Y. Yang, X. Niu, H.-N. Dai, and Y. Zhou, "Wide and deep convolutional neural networks for electricity-theft detection to secure smart grids," IEEE Trans. Ind. Informat., vol. 14, no. 4, pp. 1606_1615, Apr. 2018.

Power grids suffer as a result of electricity theft. Due to the abundance of data generated by smart grids, smart grids can assist in addressing the issue of electricity theft by integrating energy and information flows. Because energy thieves have an unusual pattern of using electricity, data analysis on smart grid data can be helpful in identifying thefts. However, due to the fact that the majority of them were conducted on one-dimensional (1-D) electricity consumption data and failed to capture the periodicity of electricity consumption, the existing methods have poor detection accuracy of electricity theft.

To address the aforementioned concerns, we initially propose a novel electricity-theft detection method based on the wide and deep CNN model in this paper. In particular, there are two parts to the wide and deep CNN model: the

deep CNN component in addition to the wide component. Based on 2-D electricity consumption data, the deep CNN component is able to precisely identify the periodicity of normal usage and the nonperiodicity of electricity theft. In the meantime, 1-D electricity consumption data's global characteristics can be captured by the wide component. Consequently, the wide and deep CNN model can perform exceptionally well in electricity-theft detection. Extensive testing on a real-world dataset demonstrates that the wide and deep CNN model performs better than other methods currently in use.

3. EXISTING SYSTEM

Electricity theft is a global problem that negatively affects both utility companies and electricity users. It destabilizes the economic development of utility companies, causes electric hazards and impacts the high cost of energy for users. The development of smart grids plays an important role in electricity theft detection since they generate massive data that includes customer consumption data which, through machine learning and deep learning techniques, can be utilized to detect electricity theft. This paper introduces the theft detection method which uses comprehensive features in time and frequency domains in a deep neural network-based classification approach. We address dataset weaknesses such as missing data and class imbalance problems through data interpolation and synthetic data generation processes. We analyze and compare the contribution of features from both time and frequency domains, run experiments in combined and reduced feature space using principal component analysis and finally incorporate minimum redundancy maximum relevance scheme for validating the most important features.

DISADVANTAGES OF EXISTING SYSTEM

- An existing system not implemented dnn-based electricity theft detection method.
- An existing system not implemented hyperbolic tangent activation function.

4. PROPOSED SYSTEM

In propose paper we propose a novel DNN classification-based electricity theft detection method using comprehensive time-domain features. We further propose using frequency-domain features to enhance performance. We employ Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to perform classification with reduced feature space and compare the results with classification done with all input features to interpret the results and simplify the future

3. SEQUENCE DIAGRAM:

A sequence diagram in Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a kind of interaction diagram that shows how processes operate with one another and in what order. It is a construct of a Message Sequence Chart. Sequence diagrams are sometimes called event diagrams, event scenarios, and timing diagrams.

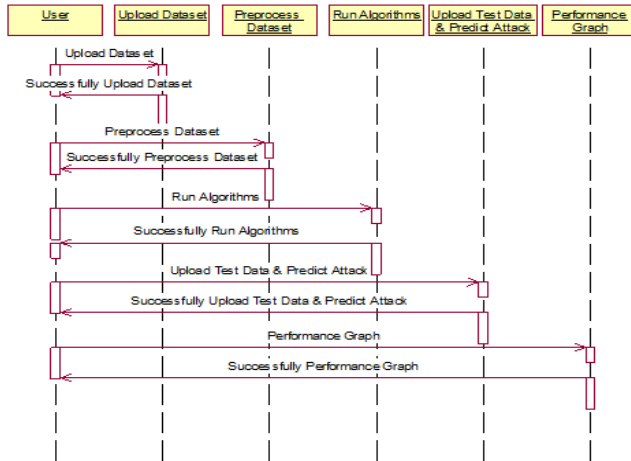


Fig 6.3 Shows the Sequence Diagram

7. RESULTS

7.1 Output Screens

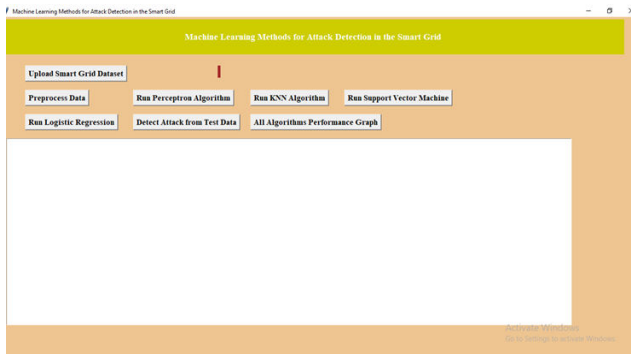


Fig 7.1 Upload the Dataset

In above screen click on 'Upload Smart Grid Dataset' button and upload dataset

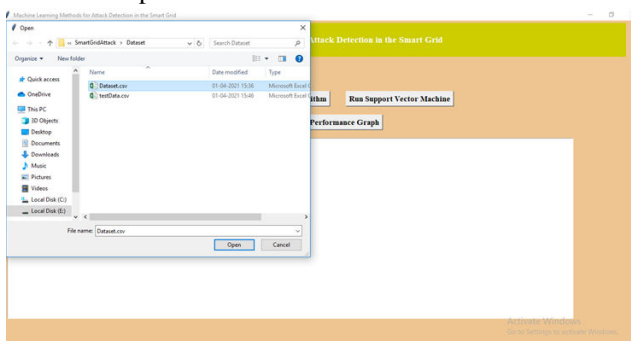


Fig 7.2 Uploading the Dataset File

In above screen we are selecting and uploading 'Dataset.csv' file and then click on 'Open' button to load dataset and to get below screen

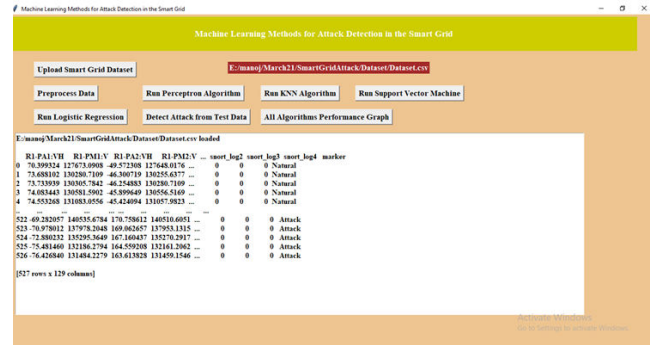


Fig 7.3 Preprocess the dataset

In above screen dataset loaded and we can see above dataset showing non-numeric values and to replace them click on 'Preprocess Data' to replace with numeric values

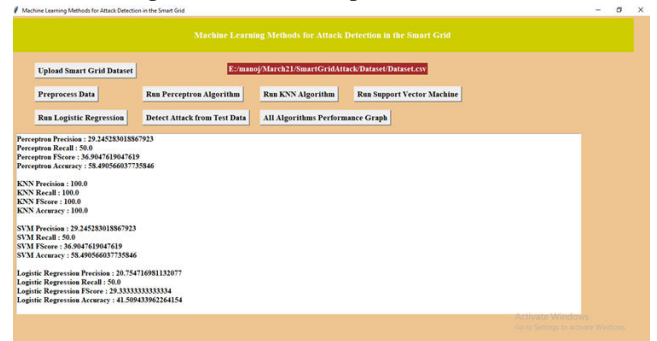


Fig 7.4 Run the KNN Algorithm

In above screen I clicked on all 4 algorithms button and then we got accuracy, precision, recall and FSCORE of each algorithm and in all algorithm KNN is giving better performance result. Now we can upload test data and then ML algorithm will predict class label as normal or attack. In below test data we can see we have vector values but we don't have class label and this class label will be predicted by ML

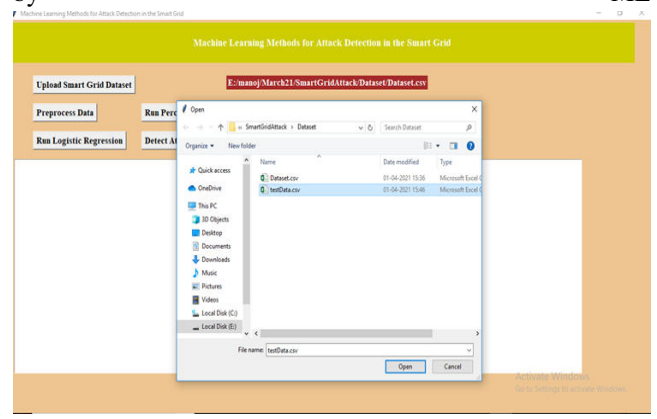


Fig 7.5 Upload the test.csv file

In above screen selecting and uploading 'testData.csv' file and then click on 'Open' button to get below result

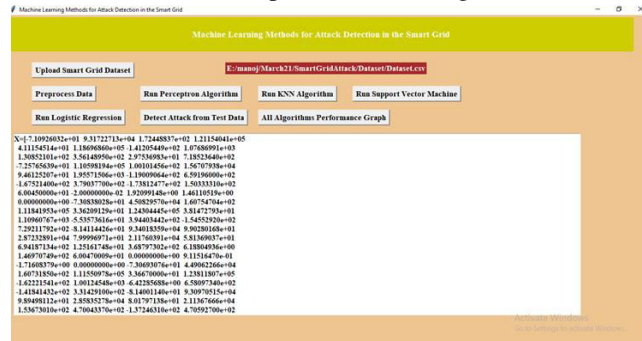


Fig 7.6 Detection Accuracy

In above screen in square bracket we have grid vector values and after square bracket we can see predicted result as below screen and to see predicted result

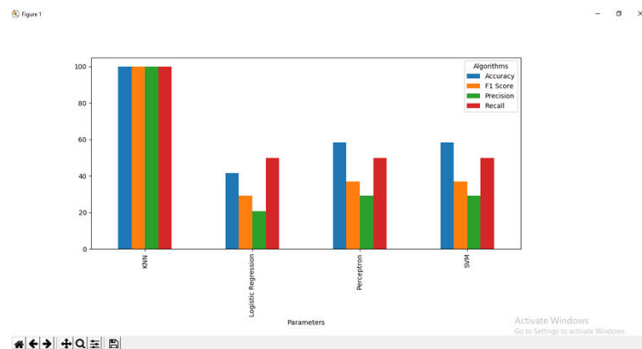


Fig 7.7 Accuracy Comparison Graph

In above graph x-axis represents algorithm name and y-axis represents accuracy, precision, recall and FSCORE for each algorithm and from above graph we can say KNN is giving better result

8. CONCLUSION

The attack detection problem has been reformulated as a machine learning problem and the performance of supervised, semisupervised, classifier and feature space fusion, and online learning algorithms have been analyzed for different attack scenarios. In a supervised binary classification problem, the attacked and secure measurements are labeled in two separate classes. In the experiments, we have observed that the state-of-the-art machine learning algorithms perform better than the well-known attack detection algorithms that employ an SVE approach for the detection of both observable and unobservable attacks. We have observed that the perceptron is less sensitive and the k-NN is more sensitive to the system size than the other algorithms. In addition,

the imbalanced data problem affects the performance of the k-NN. Therefore, k-NN may perform better in small-sized systems and worse in large-sized systems when compared to other algorithms.

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