MicroDrift with Bayesian Covertrees

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Ph.D. in Algebraic Topology from JHU

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Problem Formulation



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Previous Work: Chronological Drift



Work done at Elastic, published at ICLR

Problems With Previous Work

- Doesn't model the efficacy metrics well
- ▶ Not that actionable, just "Retrain when KL-Div exceeds X"

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 There's way more detail than just a single metric in the method Tell me where there's a problem in my dataset, not just that there's a problem.

Where am I being attacked/bypassed? Where is that new malware family? Where is that new popular spam technique?

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Types of Bypass



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What I'm Actually Doing

- We have a dataset, and model.
- Queries stream in from anonymous users.
- One user has an in-distribution "bypass" they are repeating.
 - Building an attack with ZOO, or HopSkipJump.
 - Spamming their spam everywhere.
- The bad user's queries only account for a small percentage of total traffic.

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We want to isolate that user's queries as best as possible.

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Definition

A covertree over a dataset $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ is a filtration of a dataset into *m*-layers, with a scale base of S

$$\{x_r\}=C_k\subset C_{k-1}\subset\cdots\subset C_{k-m}=X,$$

which satisfies the following properties:

1. Covering Layer: For each $x_j \in X$ and $i \in \{k, ..., k - m\}$, there exists $p \in C_i$ such that $d(x_i, p) < s^i$.

- 2. Covering Tree: For each $p \in C_{i-1}$ there exists $q \in C_i$ such that $d(p,q) < s^i$.
- 3. Separation: For all $p, q \in C_i$, $d(p,q) > s^i$.

Lets's build one, Level 1



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Lets's build one, Level 0



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How A Covertree Partitions Space, Level 1



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How A Covertree Partitions Space, Level -2



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How A Covertree Partitions Space, Level -3



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A simple approximation of the true distribution

- Each node covers *N* elements of the tree.
- The node's children cover (N_1, N_2, \dots, N_k)
- Therefore the probability of a point associated to the parent node, is associated to the *i*th child node is N_i/N

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Approximating the Probability Distribution From a Covertree



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Oops, The Estimate was Wrong



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Let's be Bayesian about this

- We know a lot about the root of the tree, lots of observations.
- We know little about the leaves of the tree, few observations.

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 Therefore, model the distribution of distributions, using a Dirichlet distribution. For node covering N_0 , with children covering $\alpha = (N_1, \ldots, N_k)$, we associate a Dirichlet Distribution $Dir(\alpha)$. The probability density function for this is:

$$f(x_1,\ldots,x_k;N_1,\ldots,N_k) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k \Gamma(N_i)}{\Gamma(N_0)} \prod x_i^{N_i-1}$$

Can also do this with all nodes for the "overall distribution"

A Dirichlet Visualization ¹



¹Source: Wikipedia

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The *prior* associated to a node is Dir((1, ..., 1)). The training posterior is

$$P_A = \mathsf{Dir}((N_1 + 1, \ldots, N_k + 1)).$$

If there are O_i points in the test set whose paths pass through the *i*th child, then the test-posterior is:

$$Q_A = \text{Dir}((N_1 + O_1 + 1, \dots, N_k + O_k + 1)).$$

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Drift Metrics: Kullback–Leibler divergence²

$$KL(Q_A||P_A) = \log \Gamma(N_0) - \log \Gamma(N_0 + O_0) + \sum_{i=1}^{k} \{\Gamma(N_i + O_i) - \Gamma(N_i) + O_i(\psi(N_i) - \psi(N_0))\}$$
(1)

Model the distributions of multinomial distributions with O samples instead of categorical, then calculate the ln of the marginal distribution:

$$MLL(O|N) = \log \Gamma(N_0) + \log \Gamma(O_0 + 1) - \log \Gamma(N_0 + O_0) + \sum_{i=1}^{k} \{\Gamma(N_i + O_i) - \Gamma(N_i) - \Gamma(O_i + 1)\}$$
(2)

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Visualization Of KL Div VS MLL



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Let's build some intuition

- 1. Our training set will be 10000 points from a 2D daussian.
- 2. Or test sets will be 1000, and 10000 points sampled from the same gaussian.
- 3. We'll sample the attack point from the same gaussian.
- 4. We'll replace 0%, 1% and 10% of the test set with the attack point, these are the attack rates.

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Visualization Of Gaussian Toy



Visualization Of Gaussian Toy



How to do Classification

Take a baseline, B, run some sequences through the covertree's tracker and calculate the per-node maximum, and standard deviation.

$$\widehat{\mathsf{KL}}_B(Q_a||P_a) = \mathsf{KL}(Q_a||P_a) - \max_B \mathsf{KL}(Q_a||P_a) - S_{\mathsf{KL}}\sigma_{\mathsf{KL}} - C_{\mathsf{KL}}$$
$$\widehat{\mathsf{MLL}}_B(O||N) = \mathsf{MLL}(O||N) - \max_{b \in B} \mathsf{MLL}(O_b||N_b) - S_{\mathsf{MLL}}\sigma_{\mathsf{MLL}} - C_{\mathsf{MLL}}$$



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A "detection" is performed in 2 passes, the first is the address of the node with the maximal positive $\widehat{\operatorname{KL}}_B(Q_a||P_a)$. If $\widehat{\operatorname{KL}}_B(Q_a||P_a)$ is everywhere non-positive, the address of the node with maximal positive $\widehat{\operatorname{MLL}}_B(O||N)$.

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If both terms are non-positive for all nodes, nothing is detected.

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Overall KL Divergence of SOREL's test set

| | Window size | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--|
| | 1000 | | 100 | 000 | 100000 | | |
| Attack Rate | μ | σ | μ | σ | μ | σ | |
| 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | |
| 0.0001 | 8e-5 | 1.0 | 3e-5 | 1.0 | 2e-5 | 0.999 | |
| 0.001 | 0.0001 | 0.99 | 0.0003 | 1.0 | 0.0004 | 1.0 | |
| 0.01 | 0.007 | 1.03 | 0.009 | 1.06 | 0.014 | 1.095 | |
| 0.10 | 0.293 | 4.025 | 0.299 | 4.167 | 0.329 | 4.122 | |
| 1.00 | 10.172 | 55.40 | 7.379 | 41.376 | 5.987 | 36.260 | |

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Overall Marginal Log Likelihood of SOREL's test set

| | Window size | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|--|
| | 1000 | | 10000 | | 100000 | | |
| Attack Rate | μ | σ | μ | σ | μ | σ | |
| 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | |
| 0.0001 | -0.0006 | 1.0 | -0.0014 | 1.0 | -0.0053 | 1.00 | |
| 0.001 | -0.004 | 0.99 | -0.04 | 1.0 | -0.16 | 1.00 | |
| 0.01 | -0.18 | 1.03 | -0.92 | 1.08 | -2.70 | 1.095 | |
| 0.10 | -3.78 | 1.66 | -13.45 | 1.75 | -32.26 | 1.38 | |
| 1.00 | -53.91 | 4.382 | -160.87 | 2.78 | -407.52 | 1.456 | |

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Took a baseline, with a validation set. Did leave one out cross validation and adjusted the 4 hyperparameters until the following saw next to no FPS. There's an extra term ω called the *margin of safety*. I used 1.5.

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{\mathsf{KL}}_B(Q_a||P_a) &= \omega \mathsf{KL}(Q_a||P_a) - \max_B \mathsf{KL}(Q_a||P_a) - S_{\mathsf{KL}}\sigma_{\mathsf{KL}} - C_{\mathsf{KL}} \\ \widehat{\mathsf{MLL}}_B(O||N) &= \omega \mathsf{MLL}(O||N) - \max_{b \in B} \mathsf{MLL}(O_b||N_b) - S_{\mathsf{MLL}}\sigma_{\mathsf{MLL}} - C_{\mathsf{MLL}} \end{split}$$

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Visualization Of SOREL Baseline Adjustment for 1000



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Visualization Of SOREL Baseline Adjustment for 10000



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Visualization Of SOREL Baseline Adjustment for 100000



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Safe Baseline Hyperparameter Results

With a safety margin of 2.

| Window Size | S _{KL} | C_{KL} | S _{ML} | C_{ML} |
|-------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 1000 | 10 | 12 | 1.3 | 80 |
| 10000 | 20 | 6.5 | 1.4 | 100 |
| 100000 | 15 | 80 | 1.9 | 100 |

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Safe Test Set Results

| | | Attack Rates | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|--------------|-------|------|------|-------|------|
| Window Size | | 0% | 0.01% | 0.1% | 1% | 10% | 100% |
| | TPR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 | 88 | 100 |
| 1000 | FPR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | MDR | - | - | - | 96 | 87 | 93 |
| 10000 | TPR | 0 | 0 | 0.7 | 63.7 | 99.95 | 100 |
| | FPR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | MDR | - | - | 96 | 93 | 93 | 91 |
| | TPR | 0 | 0.1 | 22.7 | 98.4 | 100 | 100 |
| 100000 | FPR | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | MDR | - | 85 | 94 | 93 | 92 | 88 |

Mean Depth Rate - Detection depth of attack over the final depth. All values in percentages. Averaged over 1972 runs with 48 different trees. Not So Safe Baseline Hyperparameter Results

With a safety margin of 1.3.

| Window Size | S _{KL} | C_{KL} | S_{ML} | C_{ML} |
|-------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1000 | 8 | 7 | 1.3 | 20 |
| 10000 | 10 | 6.5 | 1.3 | 20 |
| 100000 | 10 | 40 | 1.7 | 50 |

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Not So Safe Test Set Attack Results for SOREL

| | | Attack Rates | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|--------------|-------|------|------|-------|------|
| Window Size | | 0% | 0.01% | 0.1% | 1% | 10% | 100% |
| 1000 | TPR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16.6 | 96 | 100 |
| | FPR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | MDR | - | - | - | 94 | 89 | 93 |
| 10000 | TPR | 0 | 0 | 5 | 81 | 99.95 | 100 |
| | FPR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | MDR | - | - | 94 | 91 | 93 | 91 |
| | TPR | 0 | 0.2 | 44.5 | 98.4 | 100 | 100 |
| 100000 | FPR | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | MDR | - | 84 | 94 | 94 | 92 | 88 |

Mean Depth Rate - Detection depth of attack over the final depth. All values in percentages. Averaged over 1972 runs with 48 different trees.