



# IoT malicious traffic identification using wrapper-based feature selection mechanisms

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## ABSTRACT

Machine Learning (ML) plays very significant role in the Internet of Things (IoT) cybersecurity for malicious and intrusion traffic identification. In other words, ML algorithms are widely applied for IoT traffic identification in IoT risk management. However, due to inaccurate feature selection, ML techniques misclassify a number of malicious traffic in smart IoT network for secured smart applications. To address the problem, it is very important to select features set that carry enough information for accurate smart IoT anomaly and intrusion traffic identification. In this paper, we firstly applied bijective soft set for effective feature selection to select effective features, and then we proposed a novel CorrACC feature selection metric approach. Afterward, we designed and developed a new feature selection algorithm named Corrace based on CorrACC, which is based on wrapper technique to filter the features and select effective feature for a particular ML classifier by using ACC metric. For the evaluation our proposed approaches, we used four different ML classifiers on the BoT-IoT dataset. Experimental results obtained by our algorithms are promising and can achieve more than 95% accuracy.

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## 1. Introduction

Owing to Smart Internet of Things (SIoT), the world becomes more convenient and more efficient as compared to the last decade (Qiu et al., 2020). In 2021 the connected devices in the SIoT network will reached to 27 million (Soe et al., 2019), which will be a huge change in technology era. As the smart applications growing day by day, the cyber-attacks will become more upsurge and more challenging. Nowadays, cybersecurity systems are widely used to protect information and IoT applications from attacks and unauthorized access in SIoT network environment (Deep et al., 2019; Jolfaei and Kant, 2019). From last few years IoT gaining a lot of attention in the area of IoT network anomaly and intrusion detection and researchers endeavor hard to overcome this problem. Similarly, several different kinds of cybersecurity systems are proposed and applied to protect information, computers and SIoT applications from attacks and unauthorized access in IoT network environment. For instance, in 2017, the number of IoT Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks grew up to 172% (Li et al., 2019; Soe et al., 2019). Likewise, in

2017 numbers of malware attacks have increased by up to a numbers of times as compared to numbers of malware attacks in 2013, in which huge numbers of attacks of them are extremely hazardous such as Botnet attacks etc., as indicated by Kaspersky lab report (Lab, 2019). To overcome the problem of cyber-attacks, In 1980 the first Intrusion Detection System was proposed by Anderson Anderson (0000). Then in 1987 Denning Denning (1987) introduced a real-time intrusion detection expert systems model, which was able to detect break-ins, penetrations such as Trojan horses, viruses and leakage, etc. However, their model used hypothesis to detect malicious attacks in a network. Moreover, their study especially focused on user behavior to identify abnormal operations. Recently, man-in-the-middle (MITM) threats are becoming more dangerous threats with distributed denial of service (DDoS) (Tian et al., 2019a), but these are widespread hazardous threat to the Internet of Thing, and many researchers endeavor hard to accurately identify, detect and carry out a scheme to protect IoT network against such hazardous intrusion. Similarly, in 2018, Salem et al. in Alharbi et al. (2018) introduced a new system named Fog Computing Based Security (FOCUS). This method mainly used to prevent the IoT network against malware cyberattacks. However, their proposed model consists of Virtual Private Network (VPN), which is used for the protection (Huang and Du, 2014) of IoT

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communication devices channels [Xiao et al. \(2017\)](#). Furthermore, their proposed protection system can send alerts during DDoS attacks in IoT network environment ([Du et al., 2008](#); [Vinayakumar et al., 2019](#)). For the evaluation of results, their study confirmed proof of concept, and for the proposed system performance evaluation they conducted the experiment. However, their experimental results showed that their proposed model is efficient to percolate malicious attacks with a little low feedback time and with small bandwidth consumption. For effective performance, Machine Learning (ML) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques are the most effective and mostly applied methods that can be applied to SIoT for cyberattacks detection ([Alsheikh et al., 2014](#); [Ventura et al., 2014](#); [Xue et al., 2011](#)). From the last few decades ML methods have become popular in many areas such as from biology to telecommunications. ML technique uses attributes mean features as an input that are derived features set. Furthermore, ML techniques uses training and testing features sets for the evaluation of a model performance. ML techniques are more powerful for malicious traffic identification, cyberattacks detection ([Tian et al., 2019d](#)), and the computing tools are more sophisticated as compare to other tools. Nevertheless, applying the ML technique to IoT introduces new constraints such as computation time and energy consumptions. Nowadays, computation time and energy consumptions are very emerging problems in the ML technique to IoT. However, several researchers endeavor hard to solve this issue. However, ML techniques are able to achieve accurate performance results in IoT malicious traffic identification, but when the input of the ML classifiers is optimal ([Dash and Liu, 1997](#)). Thus, for optimum input to ML classifier, it is a good practice to remove unwanted features from the given features set, and feature selection techniques can do this task. Therefore, it is essential to focus on this issue and select effective features set for accurate anomaly and intrusion detection using ML algorithms so that we can manage security policy. Similarly, [Zhang et al. \(2012\)](#) studied the problem of feature selection and proposed a feature selection techniques using high dimensional datasets, such as imbalanced data for Internet traffic classification. However, their proposed techniques are effective and give optimum performance results. For the experimental evaluation results TPR and FPR metrics are used and as well as the authors evident that their proposed approaches are able to achieve high accuracy results. Likewise [Koroniotis et al. \(2018\)](#) address the problem of identifying malicious attacks in IoT network and then they develop and proposed online a new BoT-IoT dataset which incorporates the law and rules and simulate IoT network traffic including different types of attacks traffic usually used by botnets. However, the dataset is established in a realistic testbed with defined attributes, which includes on different types of attacks and normal traffic flow in the IoT network ([Musaddiq et al., 2018](#)). Using statistical analysis, they select ten best features set from the given set of features that they are extracted. Similarly, for the performance evaluation, they used ML classifiers to show the effectiveness of the selected features and showed that the selected feature set is optimum with reference to Accuracy, Recall, Precision, and Fall-out metrics. Nevertheless, it is important to find out and choose a features set that carry enough information for anomaly and intrusion in the IoT network to identify malicious attacks effectively. Similarly, in our previous research study ([Shafiq and Yu, 2017](#); [Shafiq et al., 2016a; 2017; 2016b; 2016c](#)), we classify Instant Messaging (IM) applications messages services using different IM classifiers by selecting 50 different statistical flow-based features set and achieve very effective performance results. Likewise, in [Shafiq et al. \(2018, 2017\)](#), we proposed different approaches and classify different traffic applications for accurate Internet traffic classification and produced an efficient feature set for internet traffic identification using ML algorithms. Nevertheless, in these research studies, we concluded that selecting more than

fifty features set are not a good experience, which leads to computational complexity and decrease ML classifiers accuracy results. Thus it is important to study more in depth and propose efficient identification model for features selection anomaly and intrusion to IoT traffic identification.

In this research paper, we introduce a new feature selection technique to find out effective features set for Botnet IoT attacks in SIoT network using ML algorithm and to optimize the performance of machine learning methods. However, our main contribution in this paper are includes the following:

- To overcome the problem of Botnet attacks to the Internet of Things (IoT) and with effective feature selection in Smart IoT network anomaly and intrusion traffic identification. Firstly bijective soft set technique are used and define with details and then through bijective soft set dataset features are filter and compared with other flow set feature to select effective set.
- Then, a hybrid feature selection approach named CorrACC is proposed to deal with effective feature selection problem for anomaly and intrusion in SIoT network identification. Our proposed approach includes on two different metrics for accurate feature selection: Correlation Attribute Evaluation (CAE) metric and specific ML classifier accuracy (ACC) metric.
- Afterward, we proposed an algorithm Coracc based on CorrACC technique. Firstly Coracc algorithm assigns values to features based on Corr metric and then the algorithm select the features which have high ACC metric values of a particular ML classifier. Then, by using wrapper technique the algorithm select the features set which has significant information. However, it is the first research study where the Corr and ACC metrics are put forward in IoT Botnet attacks identification.
- Then, we put forward the selected features that are effective and choose by the proposed approach and described their values with details. Experimental results showed that seven features selected from given features set are discriminative power for identification of anomaly and intrusion IoT traffic.

This paper is arranged as follows: [Section 2](#) demonstrate the related works. While in [Section 3](#) we explains our proposed techniques. In [Section 4](#) we demonstrate the evaluation methodology, experimental work, and datasets. While in [Section 5](#) we discuss analysis and discussions. Finally, [Section 6](#) includes the conclusions and future works.

## 2. Related works

The security and trust problem have been researched in many related computing paradigms, including wireless sensor networks ([Du and Chen, 2008](#); [Xiao et al., 2007b](#)), IoVs ([Tian et al., 2019b](#)), the future Internet ([Tian et al., 2019f](#); [Xiao et al., 2007a](#)) and Smart IoT Cities. In this section, some studies related to IoT anomaly and Intrusion attacks in smart cities are demonstrated. In our previous work ([Shafiq et al., 2020; 2018](#)), we applied different Machine Learning algorithms in flow-based Internet traffic classification such as Instant Message application traffic classifications, we got encouraging results and heightened the performance of ML classifier of the employed classifiers. In this studies ([Shafiq et al., 2018](#)), we have focus on feature selection with different proposed approaches which are effective to minimize the computational complexity of applied classifiers. Though, our studies were only limited to feature selection and Internet applications traffic classification using machine learning ([Bashir et al., 2019](#)) algorithms such as Instant Messaging (IM) application, etc. In numerous studies, feature selection technique has been proved effectively. In reality, the feature selection technique is vital and essential in data processing stage. However, feature selection includes on selecting

effective features out of numbers of features and removing redundant features, which don't provide information related to the identification.

Similarly, In 2018 S Egea et al. (2018) reviews some effective features selection techniques based on correlation measurement techniques and produced a new technique for functionalities to the Fast Based Correlation Features FCBF algorithm to enhance IoT network facilities in an industrial environment. However, in their studies they change the FCBF algorithm into FCBFiP algorithm. The essential purpose was to divide the feature space into parts with equal size. By proposing this approach, they improved the correlation and machine learning applications that are running on every node. However, their proposed model gives improved results with respective model accuracy and execution time. In 2018 Meidan et al. (2018) develop a new method for detecting attacks initiated from IoT devices and proposed and empirically evaluate the method anomaly detection which extracts the performance of the network and utilized autoencoders for the detection of anomalies network traffic from IoT devices. However, for the evaluation of the proposed method, they used two well-known IoT-based botnets attacks Bashlite and Mirai and infected some commercial devices in IoT network. Experimental results showed that their proposed technique can identify attacks in IoT devices.

Similarly, Su et al. (2019) proposed a features selection approach to increase the performance of IoT anomaly identification equipment. They firstly cluster IoT sensors together to identify the identical deployed sensors and then they control the data correlation variation in actual time to pick the sensors with correlation variations as the attributes for anomaly identification. They applied curve alignment for clustering and discussed the window size for data calculation. Afterward, they applied MCFS (Multi-Cluster attributes Selection) to select the online feature selection scenario. They proved that the proposed give effective performance results with respect to minimize the FN (False Negative) of IoT equipment anomaly detection. Besides above, some subsequent security technologies, such as the attack detection (Tan et al., 2018; Tian et al., 2019e), the key management (Du et al., 2009; 2007a), the evidence management (Tian et al., 2019c) can also be used for IoT security. However, In the above given literature review, it is essential to find out the robust and stable feature set for anomaly and intrusion detection to IoT network traffic classification. In Fig. 1, have shown the key idea of the attributes selection method, which includes on four necessary steps such as subset generation, in which a feature set is will generate, subset evaluation, in this step feature are evaluated by analysis, decision maker, in which decisions are taken accepted or rejected with particular rules and validation of subset. Only those features will be choose, which have the desired information, otherwise will be discard. Fig. 1.

### 3. Proposed method

In this segment, we demonstrated the proposed technique in details. We use two methods to get a useful feature selection idea as presented in Fig. 2. Initially, we applied a bijective soft set technique which examines the flow features of Botnet attacks dataset and then by utilizing soft set concept we achieve the final idea. This technique is very effective and gives very clear numerical method to the anomaly, and intrusion detection flows to IoT network in smart cities. Then, we proposed a new feature selection approach called CorrACC to achieve with effective feature selection problem in IoT network. It consist on metrics for effective feature selection: Correlation Attribute Evaluation (CAE) and accuracy (ACC) metrics of the selected classifier. Afterward, we proposed an algorithm Corracc based on CorrACC technique. Firstly the algorithm CorrACC assigns Corr values to the features. Then allocating the Corr values, CorrACC choose the effective features which have

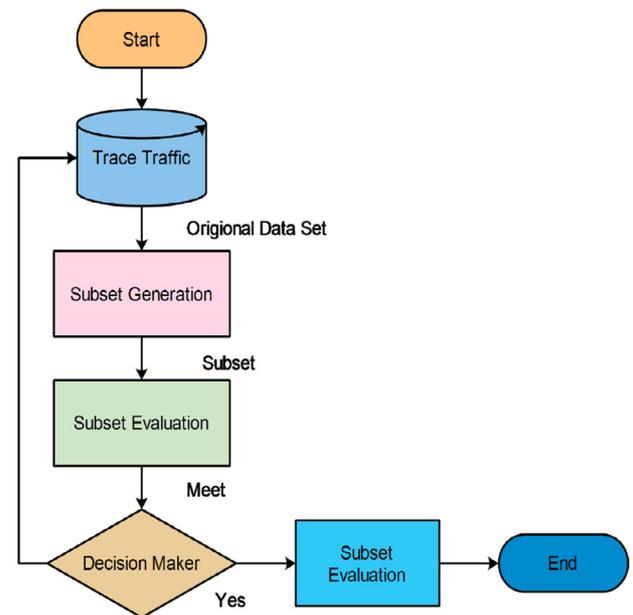


Fig. 1. Fundamental steps of feature selection process.

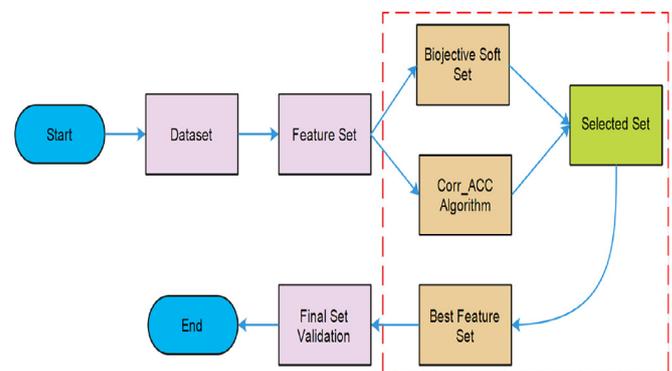


Fig. 2. Proposed frame work for feature selection.

high values for the particular classifier. We believe that, it is the first study where the Corr and ACC metrics are put forward in IoT anomaly and intrusion attacks identification. However, we present the features that are have much information and choose by the algorithm and presents their high dimensional values with metric values.

#### 3.1. Bijective soft-set approach

To overcome the problem of feature selection a mathematical operation is used to select effective feature for anomaly and intrusion detection in IoT traffic identification. The tool named Soft Set, which is firstly introduced by Molodtsov (1999), Maji et al. (2003) and Türkmen and Pancar (2013). Soft sets are effective to used for decision making (Du et al., 2007b), and its fuzzy soft set model, (Maji et al., 2001). However, to solved the problem of uncertainties bijective soft set (Gong et al., 2010) is very good choice as well as typ-2 soft sets (Hayat et al., 2017; 2020) can be also used for this type problem. Numerous researcher have been utilized Bijective soft sets for design concept analysis, selection and for decision makings. For instance, Tiwari et al. (2017) proposed selection idea which is based on the bijective soft to select items in several given items. Similarly, MF khan (Li et al., 2016) also used the same technique to select best Wi-Fi frequency in a collapsed structure. Studying the above effectiveness of the soft set, we also

adopt the same technique in our effective feature selection problem for anomaly and intrusion to IoT. However, we used the same technique to show the relationship between the statistical features and then select effective feature which have enough information values for anomaly and intrusion detection in IoT network traffic identification. Using bijective soft set technique, correlation table between features are constructed and then union operations are conducted between that column and rows. We used union operation for both row and column and also intersection for both row and column (Li et al., 2016). Correlation table gives evaluation of the entire best selection which is effective in the features selected. After union operation, intersection operation are conducted in the same way as we applied the union operations for the identification of effective features which leads to us effective feature selection.

**1. Introductory definitions:** However, there are many introductory definitions in the literature. But we describe soft set and of it's developing process with details. This can make more suitable subsections. In this paper, mostly definitions are taken from Roy and Maji (2007).

**Definition 1.** (Soft Set) Roy and Maji (2007): Suppose  $U$  is the universal set and it's numerical parameters is  $S$ . Suppose  $U$  be  $Q(U)$  and  $Y$  will be subset of  $S$ , for example,  $Y \subset S$ . At that point, couple  $(L, Y)$  will be soft set over  $U$ , and function  $L$  will  $L: Y \rightarrow Q(U)$ . Thus, group of universal subset can likewise viewed as a soft set.

**Definition 2.** (AND Product) (Çağman and Enginoğlu, 2010; Roy and Maji, 2007) If  $(L, K)$  and  $(M, D)$  be 2 soft sets, then And-product will be '(L,K) AND (M, D)' of the two soft sets, denoted by  $(L, K) \wedge (M, D)$  is defined by  $(L, K) \wedge (M, D) = (I, XD)$ , where  $I(\beta, \phi) = L(\beta) \cap M(\phi), \forall (\beta, \phi) \in K \times D$ .

**Definition 3.** (OR Product) (Çağman and Enginoğlu, 2010; Roy and Maji, 2007) If  $(L, Y)$  and  $(M, N)$  are sets, then "(L,Y) OR Product (M, N)" soft sets, will be  $(L, Y) \vee (M, N)$  is defined by  $(L, Y) \vee (M, N) = (G, YN)$ , where  $G(\beta, \phi) = L(\beta) \cup M(\phi), \forall (\beta, \phi) \in YN$ .

**Definition 4.** (Bijective Soft Set) (Gong et al., 2010) Suppose  $(L, S)$  be a soft set and  $U$  is the Universe and  $S$  is a none empty parameter set, then we can see that  $(L, S)$  is a bijective soft set if the  $(L, S)$  soft set over  $U$  set and if the bellow given conditions meet exact.

- $\bigcup_{\beta \in S} L(\beta) = U$
- If there are more than 1 mean 2 attributes;  $\beta_i, \beta_j, \beta_k \in S, \beta_i = \beta_j, F(\beta_i) \cap F(\beta_j) = \emptyset$ .

**2. Bijective soft algorithm:** In this subsection we will discussed with detail the algorithm procedure, which lead us to effective feature selection. For instance, the input to the algorithm will be a feature set and the output will be effective features set.

- Identification of attributes based on IoT dataset made a set  $X$  of values.
- After identification of feature set, the algorithm will develop a soft set from every feature of  $X$  set with dependencies per classified dominions flows.
- After completing the second step the algorithm will goes to step C and will make correlation table between AND and OR product of  $n \times n$ . However, here in the algorithm the features values are indicated by  $n$  for better understanding.
- Afterward, in this step the algorithm will perform the union operation on the table row or column for the minimization to  $1 \times n$  or  $n \times 1$ .
- The same step d will follow the algorithm in this step but instead of Union the algorithm will perform the intersection operation to  $1 \times 1$ .
- And in the final step, selected features set, if the table is minimize to  $1 \times 1$ .

We apply concept approach on our proposed model feature selection for anomaly and intrusion in IoT traffic identification. Fig. 2 shows the details illustration of our proposed technique through a flowchart.

**3. Algorithm main applications:** The core application of the algorithm that we used in this section are defined with details are given below;

- For the purpose of features requirement, we defined ten Selections of features (SFs) to form a SF set as:  $SF = [SF_1, SF_2, SF_3, SF_4, SF_5, SF_6, SF_7, SF_8, SF_9, SF_{10}]$ , where for the test case, suppose the following features.

$$SF_1 = Mean, SF_2 = Stddev, SF_3 = Min,$$

$$SF_4 = Max, SF_5 = Ar\_p\_proto\_DstIP,$$

$$SF_6 = Pksts\_P\_Protocol\_P\_DestIP,$$

$$SF_7 = Pksts\_P\_Protocol\_P\_SrcIP, SF_8 = Seq, SF_9 = N\_inn\_onn\_p\_dsttip, SF_{10} = N\_inn\_onn\_p\_srcip.$$

- Each SF target requirement identified for effective feature selection. We denote these values with  $\Omega$ 

$$SF_1 = \{\Omega_{11}, \Omega_{12}, \Omega_{13}\} = \{Higher, High, Low\}$$

$$SF_2 = \{\Omega_{21}, \Omega_{22}, \Omega_{23}\} = \{Higher, High, Low\}$$

$$SF_3 = \{\Omega_{31}, \Omega_{32}, \Omega_{33}\} = \{Higher, High, Low\}$$

$$SF_4 = \{\Omega_{41}, \Omega_{42}, \Omega_{43}\} = \{Higher, High, Low\}$$

$$SF_5 = \{\Omega_{51}, \Omega_{52}, \Omega_{53}\} = \{Higher, High, Low\}$$

$$SF_6 = \{\Omega_{61}, \Omega_{62}\} = \{High, Low\}$$

$$SF_7 = \{\Omega_{71}, \Omega_{72}\} = \{High, Low\}$$

$$SF_8 = \{\Omega_{81}, \Omega_{82}, \Omega_{83}\} = \{Better, Good, Low\}$$

$$SF_9 = \{\Omega_{91}, \Omega_{92}, \Omega_{93}\} = \{Better, Good, Low\}$$

$$SF_{10} = \{\Omega_{101}, \Omega_{102}\} = \{Good, Low\}$$
- We generate ten features selection concept by suitable combination of feature set.

$$U = \vartheta_1 + \vartheta_2 + \vartheta_3 + \vartheta_4 + \vartheta_5 + \vartheta_6 + \vartheta_7 + \vartheta_8 + \vartheta_9 + \vartheta_{10}$$

Identified features selection concept are given as;

$$\vartheta_1 = \{\Omega_{11}, \Omega_{21}, \Omega_{31}, \Omega_{41}, \Omega_{51}, \Omega_{61}, \Omega_{71}, \Omega_{81}, \Omega_{91}, \Omega_{101}\}$$

$$\vartheta_2 = \{\Omega_{11}, \Omega_{21}, \Omega_{31}, \Omega_{41}, \Omega_{51}, \Omega_{61}, \Omega_{71}, \Omega_{81}, \Omega_{92}, \Omega_{101}\}$$

$$\vartheta_3 = \{\Omega_{11}, \Omega_{21}, \Omega_{31}, \Omega_{41}, \Omega_{51}, \Omega_{61}, \Omega_{71}, \Omega_{82}, \Omega_{91}, \Omega_{101}\}$$

$$\vartheta_4 = \{\Omega_{11}, \Omega_{21}, \Omega_{31}, \Omega_{41}, \Omega_{51}, \Omega_{61}, \Omega_{72}, \Omega_{83}, \Omega_{92}, \Omega_{101}\}$$

$$\vartheta_5 = \{\Omega_{11}, \Omega_{21}, \Omega_{31}, \Omega_{41}, \Omega_{51}, \Omega_{61}, \Omega_{72}, \Omega_{81}, \Omega_{91}, \Omega_{101}\}$$

$$\vartheta_6 = \{\Omega_{11}, \Omega_{21}, \Omega_{31}, \Omega_{41}, \Omega_{51}, \Omega_{61}, \Omega_{71}, \Omega_{81}, \Omega_{91}, \Omega_{101}\}$$

$$\vartheta_7 = \{\Omega_{11}, \Omega_{21}, \Omega_{31}, \Omega_{41}, \Omega_{51}, \Omega_{61}, \Omega_{71}, \Omega_{82}, \Omega_{92}, \Omega_{101}\}$$

$$\vartheta_8 = \{\Omega_{13}, \Omega_{23}, \Omega_{33}, \Omega_{43}, \Omega_{53}, \Omega_{62}, \Omega_{72}, \Omega_{83}, \Omega_{93}, \Omega_{102}\}$$

$$\vartheta_9 = \{\Omega_{13}, \Omega_{23}, \Omega_{33}, \Omega_{43}, \Omega_{53}, \Omega_{62}, \Omega_{72}, \Omega_{83}, \Omega_{91}, \Omega_{103}\}$$

$$\vartheta_{10} = \{\Omega_{13}, \Omega_{23}, \Omega_{33}, \Omega_{43}, \Omega_{53}, \Omega_{62}, \Omega_{72}, \Omega_{81}, \Omega_{91}, \Omega_{101}\}$$

- For the representation of each feature we form a soft set. Similarly, we directly present feature specification using selection concept.

$$(H_1, SF_1) = \{H_1(\Omega_{11}), H_1(\Omega_{12}), H_1(\Omega_{13})\}$$

$$(H_2, SF_2) = \{H_2(\Omega_{21}), H_2(\Omega_{22}), H_2(\Omega_{23})\}$$

$$(H_3, SF_3) = \{H_3(\Omega_{31}), H_3(\Omega_{32}), H_3(\Omega_{33})\}$$

$$(H_4, SF_4) = \{H_4(\Omega_{41}), H_4(\Omega_{42}), H_4(\Omega_{43})\}$$

$$(H_5, SF_5) = \{H_5(\Omega_{51}), H_5(\Omega_{52}), H_5(\Omega_{53})\}$$

$$(H_6, SF_6) = \{H_6(\Omega_{61}), H_6(\Omega_{62})\}$$

$$(H_7, SF_7) = \{H_7(\Omega_{71}), H_7(\Omega_{72})\}$$

$$(H_8, SF_8) = \{H_8(\Omega_{81}), H_8(\Omega_{82}), H_8(\Omega_{83})\}$$

$$(H_9, SF_9) = \{H_9(\Omega_{91}), H_9(\Omega_{92}), H_9(\Omega_{93})\}$$

$$(H_{10}, SF_{10}) = \{H_{10}(\Omega_{101}), H_{10}(\Omega_{102})\}$$

Now we can further explained the bijective soft sets as below with selection concept.

$$H_1(\Omega_{11}) = \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}, H_1(\Omega_{12}) =$$

$$\{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}, H_1(\Omega_{13}) = \{\vartheta_8, \vartheta_9, \vartheta_{10}\}, H_2(\Omega_{21}) =$$

$$\{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}, H_2(\Omega_{22}) = \{\vartheta_{10}\}, H_2(\Omega_{23}) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{\vartheta_8\}, H_3(\Omega_{31}) &= \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}, H_3(\Omega_{32}) = \\ \{\vartheta_8\}, H_3(\Omega_{33}) &= \{\vartheta_9, \vartheta_{10}\}, H_4(\Omega_{41}) = \\ \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}, H_4(\Omega_{42}) &= \{\vartheta_{10}\}, H_4(\Omega_{43}) = \\ \{\vartheta_8, \vartheta_9\}, H_5(\Omega_{51}) &= \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}, H_5(\Omega_{52}) = \\ \{\vartheta_7\}, H_5(\Omega_{53}) &= \{\vartheta_8, \vartheta_9, \vartheta_{10}\}, H_6(\Omega_{61}) = \\ \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}, H_6(\Omega_{62}) &= \{\vartheta_8\}, H_7(\Omega_{71}) = \\ \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}, H_7(\Omega_{72}) &= \{\vartheta_8, \vartheta_9, \vartheta_{10}\}, H_8(\Omega_{81}) = \\ \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}, H_8(\Omega_{82}) &= \{\vartheta_9\}, H_8(\Omega_{83}) = \\ \{\vartheta_8, \vartheta_9\}, H_9(\Omega_{91}) &= \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}, H_9(\Omega_{92}) = \\ \{\vartheta_8, \vartheta_9, \vartheta_{10}\}, H_{10}(\Omega_{101}) &= \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}, H_{10}(\Omega_{102}) = \\ \{\vartheta_8, \vartheta_9, \vartheta_{10}\} \end{aligned}$$

Now the conditions for bijective soft set are true. Suppose that (E2, SF2), union of the soft sets (E2, SF2) concept source, that is universal set U or  $\bigcup_{\beta \in S} L(\beta) = U$ . For instance, 2 SF values,  $\Omega_{11}, \Omega_{12} \in SF_1, \Omega_{11} \neq \Omega_{12}(\Omega_{11}) \cap (\Omega_{12}) = \emptyset$ .

- e. Desired statistical flow should have the following features as SF;

[SF] = {Ar\_p\_DTTIp, pkr\_p\_p\_pro\_p\_destip, Max, stddv, pkr\_p\_p\_pro\_psrcip, Min, Mean, seq, N\_inn\_conn\_p\_dsttip, N\_inn\_conn\_p\_srcip}. The features values should be as follow for effective feature selection for anomaly and intrusion in IoT traffic identification. [SF] = {Higher, High, Low, Better, Good, Low, }. Then the corresponding representation could be as given; [SF] =  $\{\Omega_{11}, \Omega_{21}, \Omega_{31}, \Omega_{41}, \Omega_{51}, \Omega_{61}, \Omega_{71}, \Omega_{81}, \Omega_{91}, \Omega_{10}\}$

However, we select these features for effective anomaly and intrusion IoT traffic identification.

- f. Soft set representation for each features values from the statistical flow;  $H(\Omega_{11}) = \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}; H(\Omega_{21}) = \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}; H(\Omega_{31}) = \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}; H(\Omega_{41}) = \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}; H(\Omega_{51}) = \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}; H(\Omega_{61}) = \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}; H(\Omega_{71}) = \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\};$
- g. After soft set representation, then we make correlation table form that bijective soft sets conducting and operation as we explained in Table 1.
- h. After construction of correlation, we conduct correlation based on AND-Product as shown in Table. But due to page table size we are unable to show the complete table, so for this reason, we decompose the table with some function. For instance, suppose  $\psi_1 = \{\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3, \psi_4, \psi_5, \psi_6, \psi_7\}$ , with this assignment we can draw easily table as shown in Table 2.
- i. Similarly, we apply R-Union on AND Product Correlation as shown in Table 3.
- g. After applying R-Union, then we conducted C-Intersection to achieve the final result.  $\cap_{i=1 \rightarrow 10} j=1 \rightarrow 10 \{\cup rij\} = \{\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5, \vartheta_6, \vartheta_7\}$ .

We get the above desired selected features using bijective soft set for anomaly and intrusion in IoT traffic identification.

### 3.2. Metrics on feature selection

#### 3.2.1. Correlation based metric

To deal with effective features selection problem for anomaly and intrusion in Smart IoT network traffic identification, in this we adopted Pearson's product moment correlation to study in depth the relationship among independent features with target classes for prediction. In the 1880s, Fancher (1989) proposed the product moment correlation, then later in 1896 Karl Pearson modified product moment correlation and then call as Pearson product moment correlation coefficient and based on statistical operation used to analyze the relation every two attributes, For instance, two variable X and Y. Then the Pearson's Correlation Coefficient between X

Table 1  
Correlation table.

Feature set	r_m1	r_m2	r_m3	r_m4	r_m5	r_m6	r_m7	r_m8	r_m9	r_m10
r_1	$H(\Omega_{11}) \wedge H(\Omega_{11})$	$H(\Omega_{11}) \wedge H(\Omega_{21})$	$H(\Omega_{11}) \wedge H(\Omega_{31})$	$H(\Omega_{11}) \wedge H(\Omega_{41})$	$H(\Omega_{11}) \wedge H(\Omega_{51})$	$H(\Omega_{11}) \wedge H(\Omega_{61})$	$H(\Omega_{11}) \wedge H(\Omega_{71})$	$H(\Omega_{11}) \wedge H(\Omega_{81})$	$H(\Omega_{11}) \wedge H(\Omega_{91})$	$H(\Omega_{11}) \wedge H(\Omega_{101})$
r_2	$H(\Omega_{21}) \wedge H(\Omega_{11})$	$H(\Omega_{21}) \wedge H(\Omega_{21})$	$H(\Omega_{21}) \wedge H(\Omega_{31})$	$H(\Omega_{21}) \wedge H(\Omega_{41})$	$H(\Omega_{21}) \wedge H(\Omega_{51})$	$H(\Omega_{21}) \wedge H(\Omega_{61})$	$H(\Omega_{21}) \wedge H(\Omega_{71})$	$H(\Omega_{21}) \wedge H(\Omega_{81})$	$H(\Omega_{21}) \wedge H(\Omega_{91})$	$H(\Omega_{21}) \wedge H(\Omega_{101})$
r_3	$H(\Omega_{31}) \wedge H(\Omega_{11})$	$H(\Omega_{31}) \wedge H(\Omega_{21})$	$H(\Omega_{31}) \wedge H(\Omega_{31})$	$H(\Omega_{31}) \wedge H(\Omega_{41})$	$H(\Omega_{31}) \wedge H(\Omega_{51})$	$H(\Omega_{31}) \wedge H(\Omega_{61})$	$H(\Omega_{31}) \wedge H(\Omega_{71})$	$H(\Omega_{31}) \wedge H(\Omega_{81})$	$H(\Omega_{31}) \wedge H(\Omega_{91})$	$H(\Omega_{31}) \wedge H(\Omega_{101})$
r_4	$H(\Omega_{41}) \wedge H(\Omega_{11})$	$H(\Omega_{41}) \wedge H(\Omega_{21})$	$H(\Omega_{41}) \wedge H(\Omega_{31})$	$H(\Omega_{41}) \wedge H(\Omega_{41})$	$H(\Omega_{41}) \wedge H(\Omega_{51})$	$H(\Omega_{41}) \wedge H(\Omega_{61})$	$H(\Omega_{41}) \wedge H(\Omega_{71})$	$H(\Omega_{41}) \wedge H(\Omega_{81})$	$H(\Omega_{41}) \wedge H(\Omega_{91})$	$H(\Omega_{41}) \wedge H(\Omega_{101})$
r_5	$H(\Omega_{51}) \wedge H(\Omega_{11})$	$H(\Omega_{51}) \wedge H(\Omega_{21})$	$H(\Omega_{51}) \wedge H(\Omega_{31})$	$H(\Omega_{51}) \wedge H(\Omega_{41})$	$H(\Omega_{51}) \wedge H(\Omega_{51})$	$H(\Omega_{51}) \wedge H(\Omega_{61})$	$H(\Omega_{51}) \wedge H(\Omega_{71})$	$H(\Omega_{51}) \wedge H(\Omega_{81})$	$H(\Omega_{51}) \wedge H(\Omega_{91})$	$H(\Omega_{51}) \wedge H(\Omega_{101})$
r_6	$H(\Omega_{61}) \wedge H(\Omega_{11})$	$H(\Omega_{61}) \wedge H(\Omega_{21})$	$H(\Omega_{61}) \wedge H(\Omega_{31})$	$H(\Omega_{61}) \wedge H(\Omega_{41})$	$H(\Omega_{61}) \wedge H(\Omega_{51})$	$H(\Omega_{61}) \wedge H(\Omega_{61})$	$H(\Omega_{61}) \wedge H(\Omega_{71})$	$H(\Omega_{61}) \wedge H(\Omega_{81})$	$H(\Omega_{61}) \wedge H(\Omega_{91})$	$H(\Omega_{61}) \wedge H(\Omega_{101})$
r_7	$H(\Omega_{71}) \wedge H(\Omega_{11})$	$H(\Omega_{71}) \wedge H(\Omega_{21})$	$H(\Omega_{71}) \wedge H(\Omega_{31})$	$H(\Omega_{71}) \wedge H(\Omega_{41})$	$H(\Omega_{71}) \wedge H(\Omega_{51})$	$H(\Omega_{71}) \wedge H(\Omega_{61})$	$H(\Omega_{71}) \wedge H(\Omega_{71})$	$H(\Omega_{71}) \wedge H(\Omega_{81})$	$H(\Omega_{71}) \wedge H(\Omega_{91})$	$H(\Omega_{71}) \wedge H(\Omega_{101})$
r_8	$H(\Omega_{81}) \wedge H(\Omega_{11})$	$H(\Omega_{81}) \wedge H(\Omega_{21})$	$H(\Omega_{81}) \wedge H(\Omega_{31})$	$H(\Omega_{81}) \wedge H(\Omega_{41})$	$H(\Omega_{81}) \wedge H(\Omega_{51})$	$H(\Omega_{81}) \wedge H(\Omega_{61})$	$H(\Omega_{81}) \wedge H(\Omega_{71})$	$H(\Omega_{81}) \wedge H(\Omega_{81})$	$H(\Omega_{81}) \wedge H(\Omega_{91})$	$H(\Omega_{81}) \wedge H(\Omega_{101})$
r_9	$H(\Omega_{91}) \wedge H(\Omega_{11})$	$H(\Omega_{91}) \wedge H(\Omega_{21})$	$H(\Omega_{91}) \wedge H(\Omega_{31})$	$H(\Omega_{91}) \wedge H(\Omega_{41})$	$H(\Omega_{91}) \wedge H(\Omega_{51})$	$H(\Omega_{91}) \wedge H(\Omega_{61})$	$H(\Omega_{91}) \wedge H(\Omega_{71})$	$H(\Omega_{91}) \wedge H(\Omega_{81})$	$H(\Omega_{91}) \wedge H(\Omega_{91})$	$H(\Omega_{91}) \wedge H(\Omega_{101})$
r_10	$H(\Omega_{101}) \wedge H(\Omega_{11})$	$H(\Omega_{101}) \wedge H(\Omega_{21})$	$H(\Omega_{101}) \wedge H(\Omega_{31})$	$H(\Omega_{101}) \wedge H(\Omega_{41})$	$H(\Omega_{101}) \wedge H(\Omega_{51})$	$H(\Omega_{101}) \wedge H(\Omega_{61})$	$H(\Omega_{101}) \wedge H(\Omega_{71})$	$H(\Omega_{101}) \wedge H(\Omega_{81})$	$H(\Omega_{101}) \wedge H(\Omega_{91})$	$H(\Omega_{101}) \wedge H(\Omega_{101})$

**Table 2**  
AND product correlation table.

Feature set	r_1m	r_2m	r_3m	r_4m	r_5m	r_6m6	r_7m	r_8m	r_9m	r_10m
r_1n	$\psi_1$									
r_2n	$\psi_1$									
r_3n	$\psi_1$									
r_4n	$\psi_1$									
r_5n	$\psi_1$									
r_6n	$\psi_1$									
r_7n	$\psi_1$									
r_8n	$\psi_1$									
r_9n	$\psi_1$									
r_10n	$\psi_1$									

**Table 3**  
R-Union of Table 2.

	R-Union
$\bigcup_{m \rightarrow 10} r_{1m}$	{ $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6, \theta_7$ }
$\bigcup_{m \rightarrow 10} r_{2m}$	{ $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6, \theta_7$ }
$\bigcup_{m \rightarrow 10} r_{3m}$	{ $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6, \theta_7$ }
$\bigcup_{m \rightarrow 10} r_{4m}$	{ $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6, \theta_7$ }
$\bigcup_{m \rightarrow 10} r_{5m}$	{ $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6, \theta_7$ }
$\bigcup_{m \rightarrow 10} r_{6m}$	{ $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6, \theta_7$ }
$\bigcup_{m \rightarrow 10} r_{7m}$	{ $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6, \theta_7$ }

and Y can be deliberate by the following given formula.

$$C_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Covariance}(A, B)}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} \quad (1)$$

Here  $C_{X,Y}$  is the correlation coefficient, and  $(X,Y)$  is the covariance, while  $\sigma_x \sigma_y$  is the standard deviations of X and Y. Similarly in dataset, which have 2 sets, then the correlation coefficient can be calculated as;

$$C_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Covariance}(A, B)}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} \quad (2)$$

Here n is the number of sample size and  $a_i, b_i$  is the  $i$ th data values. While A and B are the means. In this way, the coefficient values range to  $-1$  and  $+1$ . if the value is near to  $+1$  shows a strong relation between features, while values that are close to  $-1$  show negative correlation mean the weak relationship between attributes, while the values that are close to 0 show no relation between attributes or features. Thus, to deal with effective features for anomaly intrusion in IoT traffic classification, we adopted Correlation attribute evaluation to rank and weight the feature based on Pearson's product moment correlation. The key idea behind this technique to the significance of the features set can be calculated correlation of the a set in a dataset with reliant feature and correlation between the features. However, in the machine learning model, a feature is considered effective, if the feature is highly correlated to class not related with each other. Through this idea a feature could be rank and analyze as follows:

$$\text{Corr} = \frac{\text{kavg}(\text{corr}_{fc})}{\sqrt{k + k(k-1)\text{avg}(\text{corr}_{ff})}} \quad (3)$$

Where Corr is the correlation between the features and  $\text{kavg}(\text{corr}_{fc})$  is here the average of the correlation between attributes and reliant class, while average  $(\text{corr}_{ff})$  is used for the average correlations among the attributes and here k indicate the number of features. While corr indicate to evaluate the attributes set in the attribute selection algorithm. Using the given mathematical equation the attribute set could be analyze below given factor.

1. The more correlation between the attributes set indicates the weak correlation among the features set and reliant class.

2. The more correlation among the attribute set and reliant class shows the more correlation among the features and reliant class.
3. Similarly, the more attributes shows a high correlation among the features and reliant class.

Through these statistical method for effective features selection, we conduct this technique by Weka application.

### 3.2.2. Accuracy (ACC) based metric

Subsequently applying Correlation, it is utmost important to find out effective features for a Machine Learning (ML) classifier. For this objective, we used the wrapper technique based on the accuracy ACC metric. Even though the ROC curve (AUC) metric is more effective to use, but the AUC metric is useful for imbalance internet traffic classification (Olukoya et al., 2020; Sebastio et al., 2020; Shafiq et al., 2020). However, we are attentiveness to predict the best attributes which give more information for IoT anomaly and intrusion identification using ML algorithms; thus we apply ACC metric. The highest ACC values show the ML classifier could give a high-performance result (Du et al., 2001). ACC metric is important for the ranking of a feature. As we discuss, we will rank the feature by ACC metric, for this purpose we also employ this method and achieved better results to select the features whose values are very high.

### 3.3. Proposed feature selection algorithm

In this section, we delineate the submitted feature selection algorithm named Corrac. Corrac in the first phase filters the attributes with Correlation and then filtrate the selected attributes with high ACC metric a particular machine learning classifiers. The Corrac algorithm select the optimal feature set out from the selected features set. The details is in the following section.

#### 3.3.1. Corrac algorithm

In this subcategory, we demonstrate the proposed Corrac approach and pseudo code of the proposed algorithm as shown in the Fig. 3. In the related work section that, selection effective feature is very important in term of IoT anomaly and intrusion traffic identification. Then the algorithm filter all the feature with Corr metric to choose optimum attributes that are associated to one another. However, the algorithm consists of 2 phases. In the first phase, line 1–10 in Fig. 3. Suppose, given dataset is D and m classes and n attributes of the dataset. In the Fig. 3 Corrac filter the features with Corr metric values. The Corr metric value of each features is determined as shown an algorithm in line 3. Corrac then compute the correlation values among each attribute in line 6. Moreover, if the correlation value is higher than threshold value then the algorithm place features in the list in descending row. More in depth, the greater the threshold value the higher speed up the attributes selection method. However, it will decrease identification of a particular ML classifier (Peng et al., 2016).

**Algorithm 1: feature selection based on correlation**

Combined with ACC (Corr\_ACC):

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Input: D (F1, F2, F3, ..., FN) // training data set,
Output: feature [] // selected feature set
1. begin
2. for i = 1 to M
3.     calculate correlation value corr [i] for each features;
4. end for
5. for i = 1 to N;
6.     calculate Corr (Fi);
7.     if (Corr(F) > δ);
8.         Insert Fi into descending order;
9.     end if
10. end for
11. Fp = getfirstfeatures (list);
12. End until (Fp == Null);
13. X is a data set of samples
    Values of features;
14. Last_ACC ← classify X;
15. Insert the feature into Swrapper;
16. Feature = get next features;
17. For feature is not Null
18.     insert the feature into Swrapper;
19.     X is a dataset of sample values for Swrapper;
20.     ACC ← classify X with a specific classifier;
21.     if (ACC ≤ last_ACC)
22.         Remove features from Swrapper;
23.     else
24.         feature = getNextfeature (list, feature);
25.     end if
26. end for
Return Swrapper;

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Fig. 3. Proposed corracc algorithm.

Similarly, the algorithm will get the correlated attributes set in the 11. In the second phase from 13 to 27 line, the algorithm will filter the features set by using ACC metric of a utilized and selected machine learning classifier and then the algorithm will select the features from a feature list filtering one by one feature ACC metric value whose value is high with respect to ACC metric. Similarly, in the remaining steps the algorithm will first used the wrapper technique to filter the feature and then take a decision to remove or not. If the selected feature value are very low then the algorithm will remove otherwise forward to Swrapper.

**4. Evaluation methodology**

In this section, we delineate the dataset and evaluation criteria used for anomaly and intrusion IoT traffic identification.

**4.1. Bot-IoT data set**

In this paper, we used a new Bot-IoT dataset (Van der Elzen and van Heugten, 2017; Koroniotis et al., 2018). Bot-IoT dataset incorporate both IoT and normal traffic as well as traffic with different types of attacks which is usually used by botnets attacks. However, Bot-IoT dataset is developed in a realistic testbed and then generate its features with labeled. Moreover, additional attributes were also generated to improve the prediction performance capabilities of the ML classifiers model. Labeled features indicate an attacks flow traffic, its categories, and subcategory for multiclass purposes.

Actual	Positive	TP	FN	TP: # of positive instances correctly classified
	Negative	F P	TN	TN: # of negative instances correctly classified
				FP: # of negative instances incorrectly classified
				FN: # of positive instances incorrectly classified

Fig. 4. Confusion matrix for results evaluation.

The testbed consists of three main components: Simulated Internet of Things (IoT) services, network platform, and extraction features and Forensics analytics. However, for the IoT scenarios, they applied five Internet of Things (IoT) such as: 1. A weather checking IoT device, which generates time to time information such as temperature, humidity and atmosphere pressure. Smart Phone or Weather Station. 2. A smart cooling fridge, which produces or measures the fridge temperature and adjustment of fridge temperature when necessary. 3. Smart Lights, it is a motion activated lights based on the pseudo-random general signal, e.g. Motion lights. 4. Smart Door, it is a remotely activated door, which opens and closes based on a probabilistic input. 5. A smart thermostat, which controls the temperature of the house by starting the Air-conditioning system.

**4.2. Performance measurements**

To measure the identification or classification performance of classifiers results. The confusion metrics are the main and important base for performance measurement. Fig. 4, the confusion matrix with details and graphical representation for performance measurement evaluation of a machine learning classifier. In the Fig. 4. Row shows the actual class's instance and column indicates the identified class instances. However, the measurement that mostly researchers used for their model performance evaluation are given below with details.

- True Positive (TP): It indicate that L attack is correctly identified as belong to L attacks group.
- True Negative (TN): It indicate that L attacks is correctly identified as not belong to L attacks group.
- False Positive (FP): Its Indicate that L attack is not correctly identified as belong to L attack group.
- False Negative (FN): It indicate that L attack is not correctly identified as not belong to L attack group.

Fig. 4 shown the graphical representation of confusion matrix.

- Accuracy: It can be described as the correctly identified samples in overall identified samples. The details mathematical formula is given below.

$$Accuracy = \frac{(TP + TN)}{(TP + TN + FP + FN)} \quad (4)$$

Using accuracy result a ML algorithm performance can be measure. It indicates the overall effectiveness of identification model.

- Precision: it can be describe as the percentage of sample correctly identified Class L in all those were identified class L.

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{(TP + FP)} \quad (5)$$

- Sensitivity: Sensitivity can be calculated as correctly identified samples divided by overall dataset sample. It can be also used as a recall in anomaly or intrusion attacks identification in IoT network. However, the detail mathematical formula is given below with details.

$$Sensitivity = \frac{TP}{(TP + FN)} \quad (6)$$

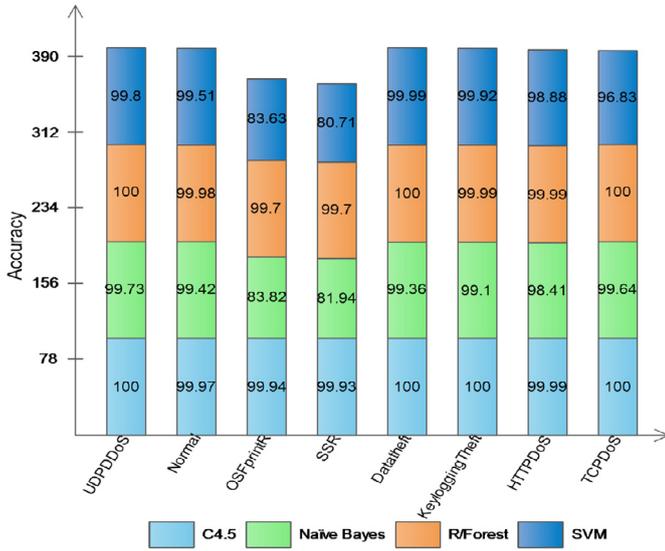


Fig. 5. Accuracy results.

- Specificity: In simple words the machine learning (ML) classifier performance ability to identify the negative result. It can be explain as the True Negative divide by the sum of False Positive and True Negative.

$$\text{Specificity} = \frac{TN}{(FP + TN)} \quad (7)$$

However, we used the above given metrics for the ML classifiers performance evaluation.

## 5. Results and analysis

In this section, we enlighten the results and analysis of our experiment with details and we proposed a new approach for effective feature selection for anomaly and intrusion IoT traffic identification. Our proposed method select seven best feature out of thirty-nine features, which carry enough information for accurate anomaly and intrusion detection in the IoT network environment. In this systematic investigation study, we applied four different machine learning classifiers for performance evaluation which are Decision Tree (C4.5), Support Vector Machine (SVM), Random Forest (RF) and Naïve Bayes Machine Learning Classifiers. All the used machine learning (ML) identifiers achieve deeply promising outcome results for effective features selection for anomaly and intrusion in IoT traffic identification using the selected feature set, selected by our proposed approach with respective accuracy, precision, sensitivity, and specificity. However, using the selected features and given machine learning classifiers, support vector machine (SVM) algorithm achieve low accuracy results as compared to other applied ML classifiers accuracy results for IoT anomaly and intrusion identification. As shown in Fig. 5, the Naïve Bayes ML classifiers achieve lightly better accuracy results as compared to SVM classifier. But the remaining C4.5 and Random Forest gets very promising accuracy results and identify all the attacks and normal traffic very effectively with respect to accuracy metric. Thus, C4.5 ML classifier achieves the maximum accuracy result using Bot-IoT dataset and selected features set for the identification attacks in IoT network as 99.9%. More in depth, all the attacks and normal traffics are identified very effectively, but only two attacks SSR and Data Theft are identified slightly low with respect to accuracy as shown in Fig. 5.

Similarly, Fig. 6 shows the precision result, in which it is clear that UDPDoS, TCPDoS, and SSR are attacks are classified effectively

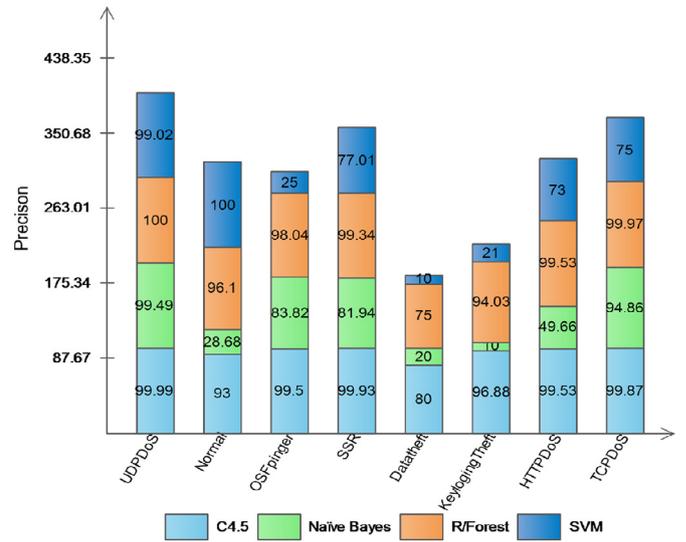


Fig. 6. Precision results.

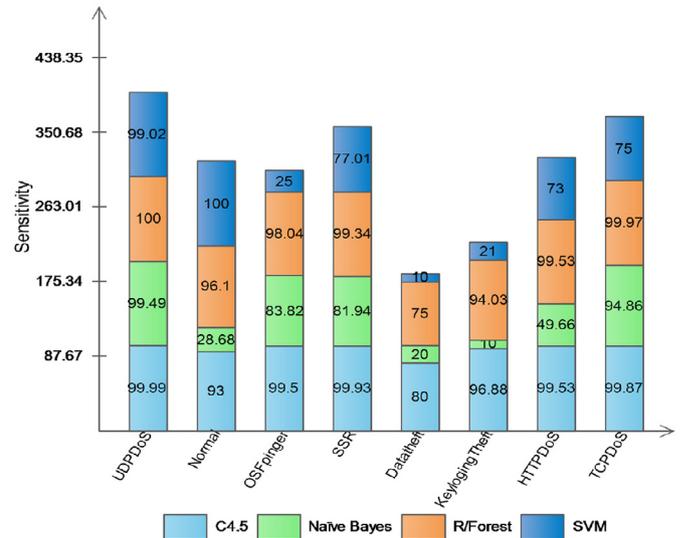


Fig. 7. Sensitivity results.

as compared to Data Theft and Keylogging attacks. Moreover, normal traffics are also classified very precisely with respect to precision metric, while the remaining attacks are classified slightly low. However, C4.5 and Random Forest machine learning algorithms achieve very optimal precision results as compared to Naive Bayes and SVM. All the used machine learning classifiers achieve promising results with respective sensitivity. However, using the selected features set and given machine learning classifiers, support vector machine (SVM) algorithm achieve shallow sensitivity results as compared to other applied ML classifiers sensitivity results for IoT anomaly and intrusion identification. As shown in Fig. 7, the Naive Bayes ML classifiers achieve better sensitivity results as compared to SVM classifier. However, C4.5 and Random Forest delivers absolutely useful sensitivity results and identify all the attacks and normal traffic very precisely with respect to the sensitivity metric. C4.5 ML classifier achieves enough good sensitivity result using Bot-IoT dataset and selected features set for the identification attacks in IoT network as 92.3%. However, all the attacks and normal traffics are identified effectively, but only two attacks Data Theft and Keylogging are identified slightly low with respect to sensitivity results as shown in Fig. 7. For the specificity metric evalu-

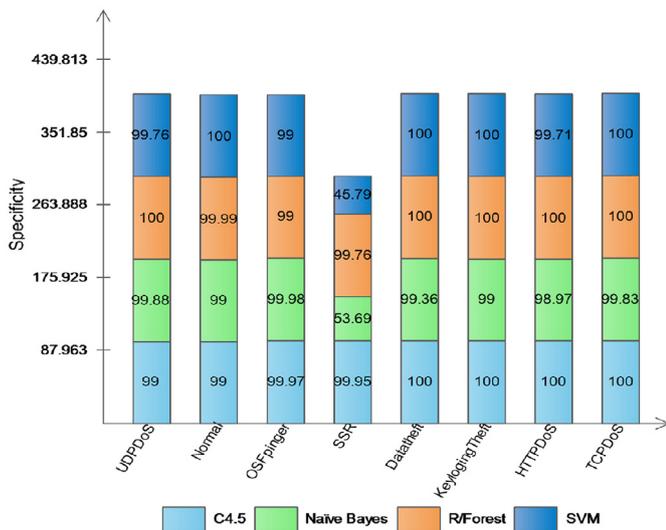


Fig. 8. Specificity results.

ation, all the machine learning classifiers gives promising results. But only SVM and Naïve Bayes gives slightly low specificity results and give accurate results for identifying the attacks. However, comparing the specificity results of each applied machine classifier, C4.5 decision tree and Random Forest gives promising results as compared to Naïve Bayes and SVM with respective 99.74%, 93.71%, 99.84%, and 93%. Similarly, all the attacks and normal traffics are identified effectively but only two attacks SSR and identified slightly low with respect to specificity results as shown in Fig. 8.

## 6. Analysis and discussion

Although, the results that we achieve in this research paper by using our proposed approaches are effective by conducting Machine Learning (ML) algorithms with respective accuracy, precision, sensitivity and specificity by using Bot-IoT dataset. Nevertheless, after experimental analysis and study some insightful information that we learnt for effective feature selection for anomaly and intrusion in IoT traffic identification are given below.

- In this work, it is evident that the proposed approach select optimum features set for anomaly and intrusion in IoT traffic identification using Bot-IoT dataset with regard to accuracy, precision, sensitivity, and specificity metrics.
- In this study, it is clearly seen that the applied approach is enough efficient for the selection of efficient features and it is noticeable that the feature carry sufficient identification knowledge for IoT anomaly and intrusion attacks traffic classification such as (a) mean (b) stddev (c) min (d) max (e) AR\_P\_Proto\_P\_DstIP (f) Pkts\_P\_State\_P\_DestIP (g) Pkts\_P\_State\_P\_SrcIP.
- In the experimental results evaluation it is noticeable that the four Machine Learning (ML) classifiers gives very promising performance results by using Bot-IoT dataset and it's selected features set. However, only Data Theft attacks is identified low comparing with other attacks and normal traffic. It's due to not sufficient instances of attacks. Nevertheless, it is clear in this study that the applied approach can select effective feature for intrusion attacks in IoT network.
- The ML algorithms that we used in this study gives very appropriate performance results for IoT attacks traffics identification. Nonetheless, we found that Random Forest ML and C4.5 classifiers results performance are encouraging using Bot-IoT by

comparing with others applied ML classifiers in anomaly and intrusion in IoT traffic identification.

## 7. Conclusion

To address effective features selection problem, in this research study, we apply bijective soft set technique to choose effective features, and then a new feature selection metric called Corr\_ACC is introduced. Afterward, we designed a new feature selection algorithm called Coracc based on Corr\_ACC, which utilized wrapper technique to select effective features set for a specific classifier with ACC metric. Then, we analyze the approaches using four different machine learning classifiers using Bot-IoT traces captured dataset in smart cities IoT network environment. After experiment it clear that our approaches can get more than 95% accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity results respectively. In the experimental analysis, it is clear that the proposed approaches were able to effectively select best feature set and identify anomaly and intrusion attacks in IoT network. It is also clear that the ML classifiers are able to classify the attacks effectively and normal traffics in IoT without any altering the training dataset. Moreover, the features that is selected by the proposed approach gives very well results in term of accuracy, precision, sensitivity and specificity metric. The features set determined by our approaches are (a) mean (b) stddev (c) min (d) max (e) AR\_P\_Proto\_P\_DstIP (f) Pkts\_P\_State\_P\_DestIP (g) Pkts\_P\_State\_P\_SrcIP, which carry enough information for anomaly and intrusion in IoT traffic identification. The applied four ML algorithms achieve auspicious performance results, but in the experiment analysis, C4.5 decision tree and RandomForest classifiers performance are effective as compare to other applied ML classifiers. However, our proposed approaches are very effective for effective feature selection for anomaly and intrusion in IoT traffic identification.

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