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# Configuration Manual

## A critical analysis of machine learning algorithms for detecting Distributed Denial of Service attacks

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### 1 Introduction

This configuration manual provides an overview of the hardware and software used during the implementation of this research project and also the requirements needed to implement and run the research project. The manual then outlines details involved in the data pre-processing, construction of data subsets, training the machine learning models and finally testing the models. Also contained in the manual are some python snippets of code used during the development and analysis phases of the research project. The evaluation section outlines the of the results of the findings from the work on: “*A critical analysis of Machine Learning Algorithms for detecting Distributed Denial of Service attacks*”

The results show that out of the five ML algorithms assessed, Random Forest, and K-Nearest Neighbour satisfied the problem statement goal of predicting 95% or greater accuracy. The Random Forest classifier performed the best overall with a 99% accuracy followed by K-NN with 96% accuracy. Logistic Regression performing least favourably with a 50% accuracy with Naïve Bayes and Decision Tree having an 85% and 92% respective accuracy percentage rates. Training time on the other hand had the Random Forest classification model perform poor with a time of 422ms recorded which was many times slower than that of all of the other classification models with KNN perform the quickest with 15.6ms and the remaining having a time of 31.2ms each.

### 2 System Configuration

The system hardware and the software that were used during the project research was of personal use and these are as follows:

#### 2.1 Hardware Configuration

- Operating system: Windows 10 Home
- Processor: Intel i5-7300 CPU @ 2.60GHz

- System Type: 64-bit operating system, x64-based processor
- Hard Disk: Hybrid (256GB SSD + 1 TB HDD)
- Installed physical memory RAM: 16GB

## 2.2 Software Configurations:

Table 1. Software tools specifications

<u>Software/Tools</u>	<u>Version</u>	<u>Details</u>
Python	3.9.12	To develop the model python is used in this project.
Anaconda Navigator	1.9.0	It is windows suitable platform that allows users computations, package management and model deployments. 64 bit
NumPy	1.19.5	It is an open-source tools used to perform complex mathematical problems in data.
Sci-Kit Learn	0.24.1	It is the library which is utilized for problems such as Classification, Regression as well as for data pre-processing. (scikit-learn: machine learning in Python — scikit-learn 0.24.2 documentation, 2021)

The Jupyter configuration of default memory resource allocation available on my environment was not sufficient for the initial loading of the datasets. This required the available memory to be increased so that the initial datafile “final\_dataset.csv”. I updated the memory resource allocation from 2GB to 10GB. This is detailed in section 4.

## 3 Download and Implementation

This is a step-by-step guide to the run the project in any windows system.

1. Download and install Anaconda Navigator software  
In this section the step-by-step guide is mentioned to run the project in any windows system. 1. Download and Install Anaconda Software in windows system.[1]
2. After download and install, go to start and go to Anaconda on the start menu and from there choose Anaconda command prompt.
3. Once open type ‘**jupyter notebook**’

```
(base) C:\Users\pstack>jupyter notebook
(base) C:\Users\pstack>jupyter notebook
[I 2023-04-01 10:33:05.735 LabApp] JupyterLab extension loaded from C:\ProgramData\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\jupyterlab
[I 2023-04-01 10:33:05.735 LabApp] JupyterLab application directory is C:\ProgramData\Anaconda3\share\jupyterlab
[I 10:33:05.749 NotebookApp] Serving notebooks from local directory: C:\Users\pstack
[I 10:33:05.749 NotebookApp] Jupyter Notebook 6.4.12 is running at:
[I 10:33:05.749 NotebookApp] http://localhost:8888/?token=2100ffb94be25737d9624388421bcee0d27280d125634724
[I 10:33:05.749 NotebookApp] or http://127.0.0.1:8888/?token=2100ffb94be25737d9624388421bcee0d27280d125634724
[I 10:33:05.749 NotebookApp] Use Control-C to stop this server and shut down all kernels (twice to skip confirmation).
[C 10:33:05.773 NotebookApp]

To access the notebook, open this file in a browser:
file:///C:/Users/pstack/AppData/Roaming/jupyter/runtime/nbserver-24016-open.html
or copy and paste one of these URLs:
http://localhost:8888/?token=2100ffb94be25737d9624388421bcee0d27280d125634724
or http://127.0.0.1:8888/?token=2100ffb94be25737d9624388421bcee0d27280d125634724
```

4. If the Anaconda notebook interface doesn't open in the default browser, open any browser and type <http://localhost:8888/> as directed the logs on the anaconda command prompt:

```
10.33.03.773 NotebookApp]
To access the notebook, open this file in a browser:
file:///C:/Users/pstack/AppData/Roaming/jupyter/runtime/nbserver-24016-open.html
Or copy and paste one of these URLs:
http://localhost:8888/?token=2100ffb94be25737d9624388421bcee0d27280d125634724
or http://127.0.0.1:8888/?token=2100ffb94be25737d9624388421bcee0d27280d125634724
09:38:39.467 NotebookApp] Notebook Downloads/dsc-evaluation-metrics-lab-master/dsc-eval
```

5. From there navigate to the downloaded directory holding the project. (E.g. C:\Users\xxxx\Desktop\X20178573\X20178573\).

This directory holds the jupyter files:

- X20178573.ipynb and
- x20178573\_Main.ipynb

Also in this directory is the smaller processed dataset .csv file processed\_dataset.csv).

*Note* - The initial dataset csv file (*final\_dataset.csv*) was too large to include in this directory. The dataset can be downloaded from "[https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/devendra416/ddos-datasets?select=ddos\\_balanced/final\\_dataset/csv](https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/devendra416/ddos-datasets?select=ddos_balanced/final_dataset/csv)"

If downloading and importing the original dataset (*final\_dataset.csv*) then the default memory allocation for Jupyter will need to be increased from 3.2GB to approx. 16GB. This is done by the following altering the property *NotebookApp.max\_buffer\_size* in the file *jupyter\_notebook\_config.p*.

```
373
374 ## Gets or sets the maximum amount of memory, in bytes, that is allocated for use
375 # by the buffer manager.
376 # Default: 536870912
377 # c.NotebookApp.max_buffer_size = 536870912
378 c.NotebookApp.max_buffer_size = 10737418240
379
380 ## Gets or sets a lower bound on the open file handles process resource limit.
381 # This may need to be increased if you run into an OSError: [Errno 24] Too many
382 # open files. This is not applicable when running on Windows.
383 # Default: 0
384 # c.NotebookApp.open_file_limit = 0
```

See Appendix 1 for details

6. The first jupyter notebook file is **X20178573.ipynb** and holds the initial dataset import, data cleaning and pre-processing python code. The file **x20178573\_Main.ipynb** holds the classification model training and testing code.

### 3.1 Dataset

The dataset used in this study is an opensource dataset available on the Kaggle dataset repository website. It consists of an amalgamation of DDoS traffic extracted from three different Canadian Institute for Cybersecurity (CIC) datasets

- CIC DoS dataset(2016) : <https://www.unb.ca/cic/datasets/dos-dataset.html>;
- CSE-CIC-IDS2018-AWS: <https://www.unb.ca/cic/datasets/ids-2017.html>;
- CICIDS2017: <https://www.unb.ca/cic/datasets/ids-2018.html>

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The **CICIDS2017** dataset consists of labeled network flows, including full packet payloads in pcap format, the corresponding profiles and the labeled flows (GeneratedLabelledFlows.zip) and CSV files for machine and deep learning purpose (MachineLearningCSV.zip) are publicly available for researchers. If you are using our dataset, you should cite our related paper which outlining the details of the dataset and its underlying principles:

- Iman Sharafaldin, Arash Habibi Lashkari, and Ali A. Ghorbani, "Toward Generating a New Intrusion Detection Dataset and Intrusion Traffic Characterization", 4th International Conference on Information Systems Security and Privacy (ICISSP), Portugal, January 2018

## 4 Configuration and Execution:

This research project implementation used the Python programming language on the Jupyter notebook platform utilising packages such as NumPy, pandas, Sklearn, Matplotlib, and Seaborn libraries. The hardware environment was ran on 64bit Windows operating system running Intel i5-7300 CPU and 16GB RAM.

Initial raw file imported and converting it to more readable format –  
final\_dataset.csv

```
1 bal_df = pd.read_csv("https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/devendra416/ddos-datasets?select=ddos_balanced/final_dataset.csv")  
2
```

The configuration of the default memory resource allocation available on my environment was not sufficient for the initial loading of the datasets. This required the available memory to be increased so this had to be increased from 2GB to 10GB for the final\_dataset.csv to be read in. See Appendix 1 for details

```

1 bal_df.shape
(12794627, 83)

1 %%time
2 bal_df.describe(include='all')
Wall time: 14.3 s

```

	Src IP	Src Port	Dst IP	Dst Port	Protocol	Timestamp	Flow Duration	Tot Fwd Pkts	Tot Bwd
count	12794627	1.279463e+07	12794627	1.279463e+07	12794627	12794627	1.279463e+07	1.279463e+07	1.279463
unique	36760	NaN	34321	NaN	3	85973	NaN	NaN	NaN
top	172.31.69.25	NaN	172.31.69.25	NaN	6	2018-02-16 23:15:28	NaN	NaN	NaN
freq	1767182	NaN	2485191	NaN	10489144	8403	NaN	NaN	NaN
first	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	2010-06-13 00:01:40	NaN	NaN	NaN
last	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	2018-02-22 00:35:54	NaN	NaN	NaN
mean	NaN	3.707054e+04	NaN	1.464290e+04	NaN	NaN	8.223957e+06	2.719636e+01	4.974281
std	NaN	2.521985e+04	NaN	2.306383e+04	NaN	NaN	2.514728e+07	1.720577e+03	2.509204
min	NaN	0.000000e+00	NaN	0.000000e+00	NaN	NaN	0.000000e+00	0.000000e+00	0.000000
25%	NaN	4.430000e+02	NaN	8.000000e+01	NaN	NaN	1.262000e+03	1.000000e+00	1.000000
50%	NaN	5.059200e+04	NaN	8.000000e+01	NaN	NaN	3.206600e+04	2.000000e+00	1.000000
75%	NaN	5.621500e+04	NaN	3.855000e+04	NaN	NaN	4.159749e+06	4.000000e+00	4.000000
max	NaN	6.553500e+04	NaN	6.553500e+04	NaN	NaN	4.294967e+09	3.096280e+05	2.919230

The size of the dataset file is 6.1 GB containing 12,794,627 observations and 83 columns. Due to hardware limitations, the dataset had to be reduced as the original volume of data was too large to process any of the classification models.

#### 4.1 Data Pre-processing and feature extraction

Processing the data to a readable format for the classification models. Sample of checking for null values:

```

1 # Check null values count
2 bal_df.isnull().sum()

```

```

1 colsToDrop = np.array(['Fwd Byts/b Avg', 'Fwd Pkts/b Avg', 'Fwd Blk Rate Avg', 'Bwd Byts/b Avg', 'Bwd Pkts/b Avg', 'Bwd
2 gc.collect()
: 0
drop any categorical columns that has only one category predominance

1 # counting unique values and checking for skewness in the data
2 rowbuilder = lambda col: {'col': col, 'unique_values': bal_df[col].nunique(), 'most_frequent_value': bal_df[col].value_c
3 #rowbuilder = lambda col: {'col': col, 'unique_values': bal_df[col].nunique(), 'most_frequent_value': bal_df[col].value_
4
5 frequency = [rowbuilder(col) for col in bal_df.select_dtypes(include=['category']).columns]
6 skewed = pd.DataFrame(frequency)
7 skewed = skewed[skewed['frequency'] >= 0.95]
8 colsToDrop = np.union1d(colsToDrop, skewed['col'].values)
9 colsToDrop
10 del skewed
11 del rowbuilder
12 del frequency
13 gc.collect()
: 0

```

Drop columns where missing values are more than 50%

Drop rows where a column missing values are no more than 5%

```
1 missing = bal_df.isna().sum()
2 missing = pd.DataFrame({'count': missing, '% of total': missing/len(bal_df)*100}, index=bal_df.columns)
3 colsToDrop = np.union1d(colsToDrop, missing[missing['% of total'] >= 50].index.values)
4 dropnaCols = missing[(missing['% of total'] > 0) & (missing['% of total'] <= 5)].index.values
```

Handling any faulty data.

```
1 bal_df['Flow Byts/s'].replace(np.inf, np.nan, inplace=True)
2 bal_df['Flow Pkts/s'].replace(np.inf, np.nan, inplace=True)
3 dropnaCols = np.union1d(dropnaCols, ['Flow Byts/s', 'Flow Pkts/s'])
```

```
1 #View the columns set to drop
2 colsToDrop
```

```
3]: array(['Bwd Blk Rate Avg', 'Bwd Byts/b Avg', 'Bwd PSH Flags',
         'Bwd Pkts/b Avg', 'Bwd URG Flags', 'FIN Flag Cnt',
         'Fwd Blk Rate Avg', 'Fwd Byts/b Avg', 'Fwd PSH Flags',
         'Fwd Pkts/b Avg', 'Fwd URG Flags', 'URG Flag Cnt'], dtype=object)
```

```
1 dropnaCols
```

```
4]: array(['Flow Byts/s', 'Flow Pkts/s'], dtype=object)
```

Then high correlation features were checked for in order to perform the feature selection. Pearson's correlation coefficient was used to see measure of strength of association. The use of scatter plots and graph analysis were also used to identify correlated features.

The below code snippets outline the display of correlated features and the removal of some of those features.



## Using graph analysis to analyse the data

Examining the variables and the count of benign labels to ddos lables in the dataset.

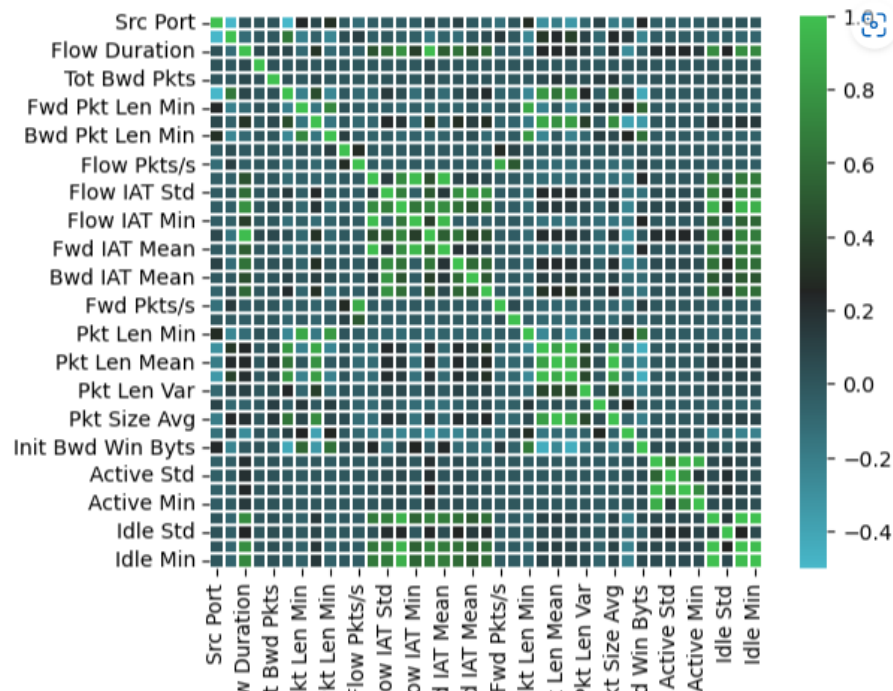
Using Pearson's correlation coefficient to see measure of strength of association.

```

1 #independent variable check
2 corr = ttsdf.iloc[:, :-1].corr(method="pearson")
3 cmap = sns.diverging_palette(210,490,85,69,center='dark',as_cmap=True)
4 sns.heatmap(corr, vmax=1, vmin=-.5, cmap=cmap, square=True, linewidths=.2)

```

[1]: <AxesSubplot:>



```

1 correlatedFeatures = correlatedFeatures | getCorrelatedFeatures(corr)
2 print(correlatedFeatures)
3

```

```
{'Bwd IAT Max', 'Active Min', 'Idle Min', 'Pkt Len Std', 'Pkt Len Max', 'Bwd IAT Tot', 'Fwd IAT Mean', 'Fwd IAT Tot', 'Active Max', 'Bwd Seg Size Avg', 'Subflow Fwd Bytes', 'TotLen Bwd Pkts', 'Subflow Bwd Bytes', 'Idle Mean', 'Fwd Act Data Pkts', 'Fwd Header Len', 'Fwd Pkt Len Mean', 'Bwd Pkt Len Std', 'Bwd Pkt Len Mean', 'Fwd IAT Max', 'Pkt Len Min', 'Pkt Size Avg', 'Fwd IAT Min', 'Pkt Len Mean', 'Fwd Seg Size Min', 'Fwd Pkts/s', 'Flow IAT Min', 'Subflow Bwd Pkts', 'Idle Max', 'Fwd Pkt Len Std', 'Subflow Fwd Pkts', 'Bwd Header Len', 'Dst Port', 'Bwd IAT Min', 'TotLen Fwd Pkts', 'Fwd Seg Size Avg'}
```

Correlated features: {'Idle Mean', 'Fwd Pkts/s', 'Subflow Fwd Bytes', 'Fwd IAT Min', 'Bwd Pkt Len Std', 'Active Max', 'Bwd Seg Size Avg', 'Fwd IAT Tot', 'Bwd IAT Max', 'Flow IAT Min', 'Pkt Len Mean', 'Idle Min', 'Subflow Bwd Bytes', 'Fwd Act Data Pkts', 'TotLen Bwd Pkts', 'Pkt Len Std', 'Fwd IAT Max', 'Fwd Header Len', 'Fwd Pkt Len Mean', 'Bwd Pkt Len Mean', 'Bwd Header Len', 'Pkt Len Min', 'Bwd IAT Min', 'Fwd Pkt Len Std', 'Subflow Fwd Pkts', 'Pkt Len Max', 'TotLen Fwd Pkts', 'Bwd IAT Tot', 'Fwd IAT Mean', 'Pkt Size Avg', 'Fwd Seg Size Avg', 'Subflow Bwd Pkts', 'Fwd Seg Size Min', 'Idle Max', 'Active Min'}

```

1 #dropping correlated feature Listed above
2
3 correlatedFeatures = correlatedFeatures | getCorrelatedFeatures(corr)
4 ttsdf.drop(columns=getCorrelatedFeatures(corr), inplace=True)

```

```

1 ttsdf.shape
2 #41 features now remaining

```

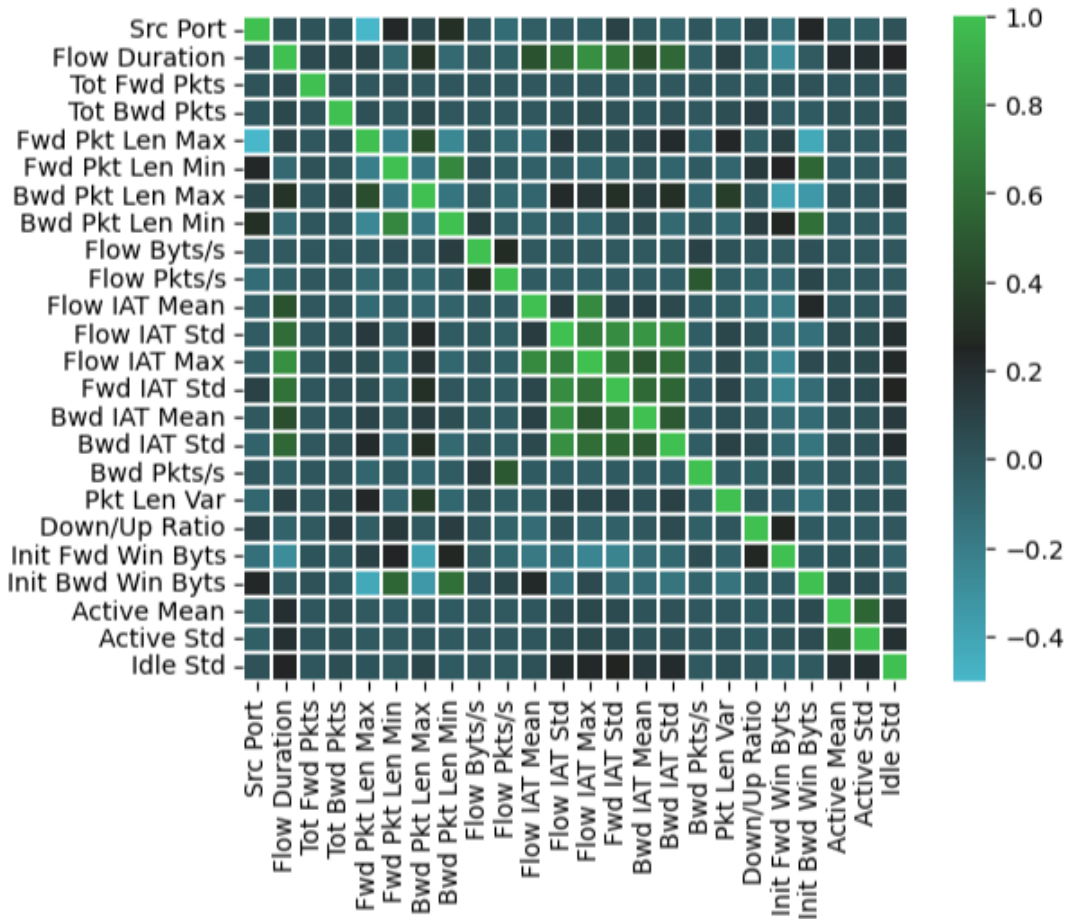
[64]: (10197152, 41)

```

1 #independent variable check
2 corr = ttsdf.iloc[:, :-1].corr(method="pearson")
3 cmap = sns.diverging_palette(210,490,85,69,center='dark',as_cmap=True)
4 sns.heatmap(corr, vmax=1, vmin=-.5, cmap=cmap, square=True, linewidths=.2)

```

<AxesSubplot:>



```

1 correlatedFeatures = correlatedFeatures | getCorrelatedFeatures(corr)
2 print(correlatedFeatures)
3

```

```

{'Bwd IAT Max', 'Active Min', 'Bwd Header Len', 'Fwd IAT Tot', 'Fwd Act Data Pkts', 'Fwd Header Len', 'Fwd
wd Pkt Len Std', 'Fwd IAT Min', 'Fwd Seg Size Min', 'Bwd IAT Min', 'Pkt Len Max', 'TotLen Fwd Pkts', 'Fwd
le Min', 'Pkt Len Std', 'Bwd IAT Tot', 'Fwd IAT Mean', 'Active Max', 'Bwd Seg Size Avg', 'Subflow Fwd Byts
s', 'Subflow Bwd Byts', 'Idle Mean', 'Bwd Pkt Len Mean', 'Fwd IAT Max', 'Pkt Len Min', 'Pkt Size Avg', 'Pk
Pkts/s', 'Flow IAT Min', 'Idle Max', 'Fwd Pkt Len Std', 'Subflow Fwd Pkts', 'Subflow Bwd Pkts', 'Dst Port'

```

```

1 # Going to drop correlated features
2 #drop multiple columns by name
3
4 ttsdf.drop(columns=getCorrelatedFeatures(corr), inplace=True)

```

Once the data was pre-processed a subset of the dataset was saved out to a smaller csv file. The new smaller file name below is *'processed\_dataset.csv'*. The subset consists of 4000 benign and 4000 DDoS observations randomly selected so that the smaller dataset is manageable for processing due to hardware limitations.

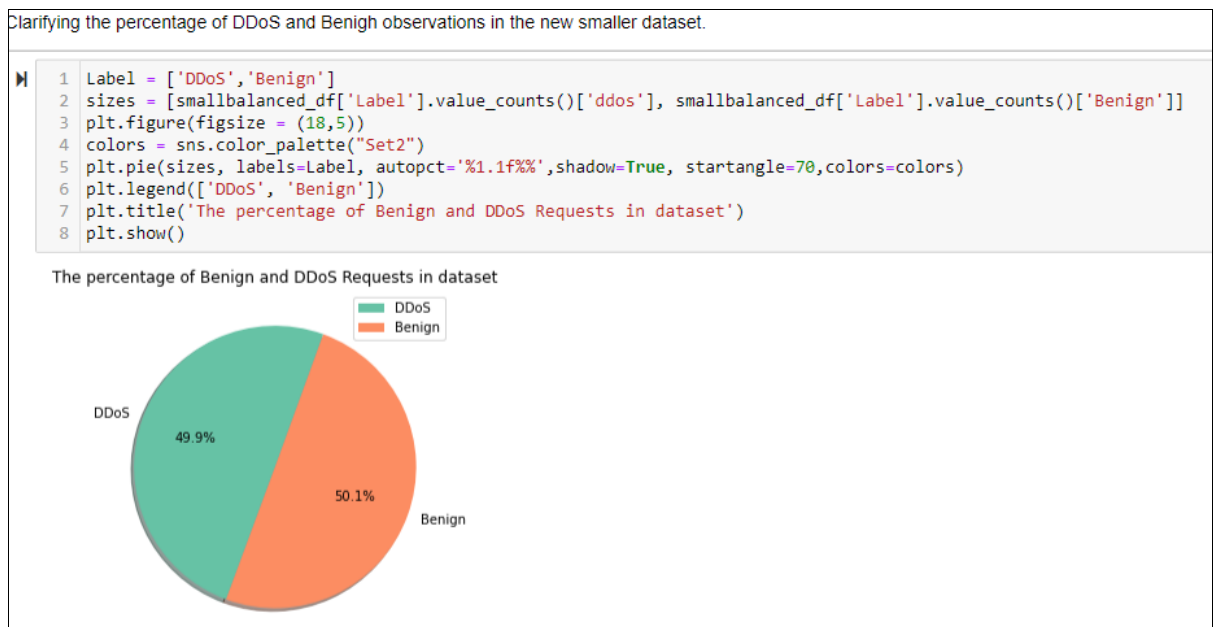
```
4000 of each ddos and benign samples

1 #collecting 4000 benign and ddos samples randomly
2 smallbalanced_df = bal_df.sample(n=8000, random_state = 20).copy()
3 smallbalanced_df = smallbalanced_df.reset_index(drop=True)
4 smallbalanced_df.head(15)
```

```
1 #Saving the smaller balanced dataset too new .csv preprocessed_dataset
2 smallbalanced_df.to_csv('C:/Users/pstack/Desktop/X20178573/X20178573/ddos_balanced/processed_dataset.csv', index=False)

1 nRow, nCol =smallbalanced_df.shape
2 print (nRow, nCol)

8000 9
```



This new smaller dataset will be used for the classification model training and testing.

## 5 Implementation

The file **x20178573\_Main.ipynb** consists of the splitting of the dataset into train and test datasets with 80% and 20% respectively.

Splitting the data set then into train and test datasets.

```
1 # Separating the target variable
2 Y = smallbalanced_df.Label
3 X = smallbalanced_df.drop(columns=['Label'])

1 X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, Y, test_size = 0.20, random_state = 0)

1 X_train.shape, X_test.shape

: ((6400, 8), (1600, 8))
```

After the splitting the classification models are fit and tested one at a time.

The Decision Tree classifier as a sample.

```
The Decision Tree Classifier (start)
1 # instantiate the model
2 classifier = DecisionTreeClassifier()

1 classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

Testing for evaluation metrics:

```
1 # Confusion Matrix for the train sample and categorise the results into a 4 way grid
2 cm = confusion_matrix(y_train, y_pred_train)
3 print('Confusion matrix for the training sample\n\n', cm)
4 print('\nTrue Positives(TP) = ', cm[0,0])
5 print('\nTrue Negatives(TN) = ', cm[1,1])
6 print('\nFalse Positives(FP) = ', cm[0,1])
7 print('\nFalse Negatives(FN) = ', cm[1,0])
8
9 # visualize confusion matrix with seaborn heatmap
10
11 cm_matrix = pd.DataFrame(data=cm, columns=['Actual Positive:1', 'Actual Negative:0'],
12                               index=['Predict Positive:1', 'Predict Negative:0'])
13
14 sns.heatmap(cm_matrix, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Set2')
```

The Naïve Bayes classifier sample

```
Naive Bayes Classifier (start)

1 %%time
2 # instantiate the model
3 classifier = GaussianNB()

CPU times: total: 0 ns
Wall time: 0 ns

1 %%time
2 # fit the model
3 classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)

CPU times: total: 31.2 ms
Wall time: 20 ms

0]: GaussianNB()
```

```
1 # predict the Training result
2 y_pred_train = classifier.predict(X_train)
3
4 y_pred_train

]: array(['Benign', 'ddos', 'Benign', ..., 'ddos', 'Benign', 'Benign'],
        dtype='<U6')

1 # predict the Test result
2 y_pred_test = classifier.predict(X_test)
3
4 y_pred_test

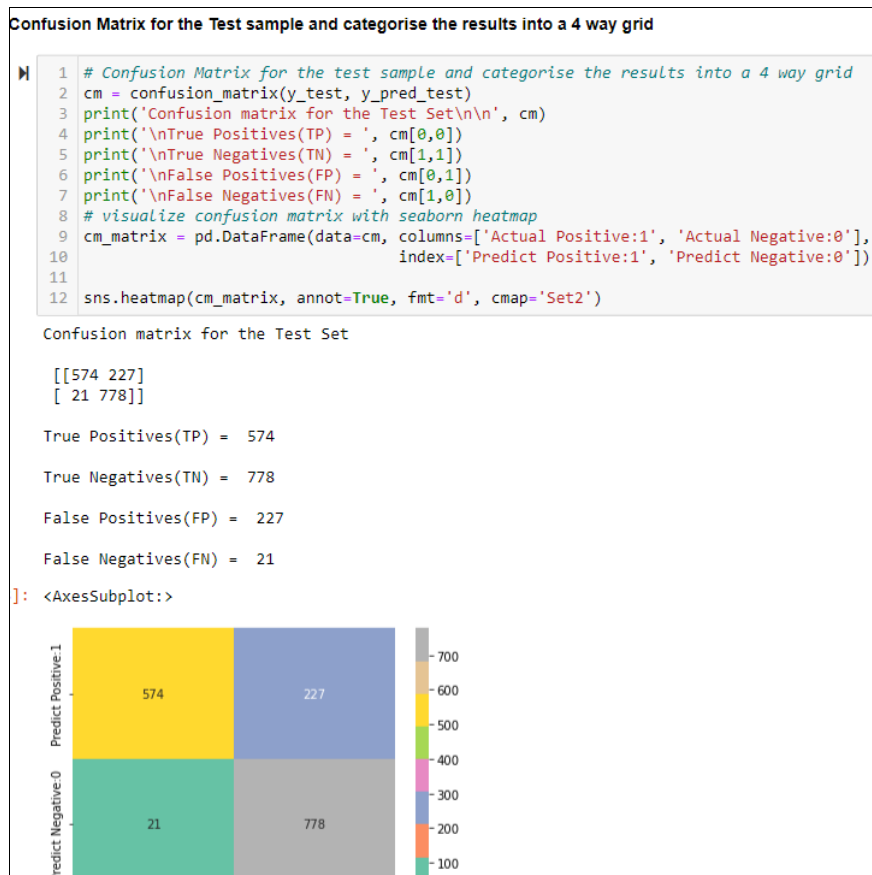
]: array(['ddos', 'ddos', 'ddos', ..., 'ddos', 'ddos', 'ddos'], dtype='<U6')
```

In this section, the accuracy scores for training and testing models were obtained, and the label distribution in the test set was analyzed. For both training and testing models, confusion matrixes were constructed, and precision and recall measures were executed on the test split of the data. Finally, top 10 IP address in the dataset with DDoS label were obtained.

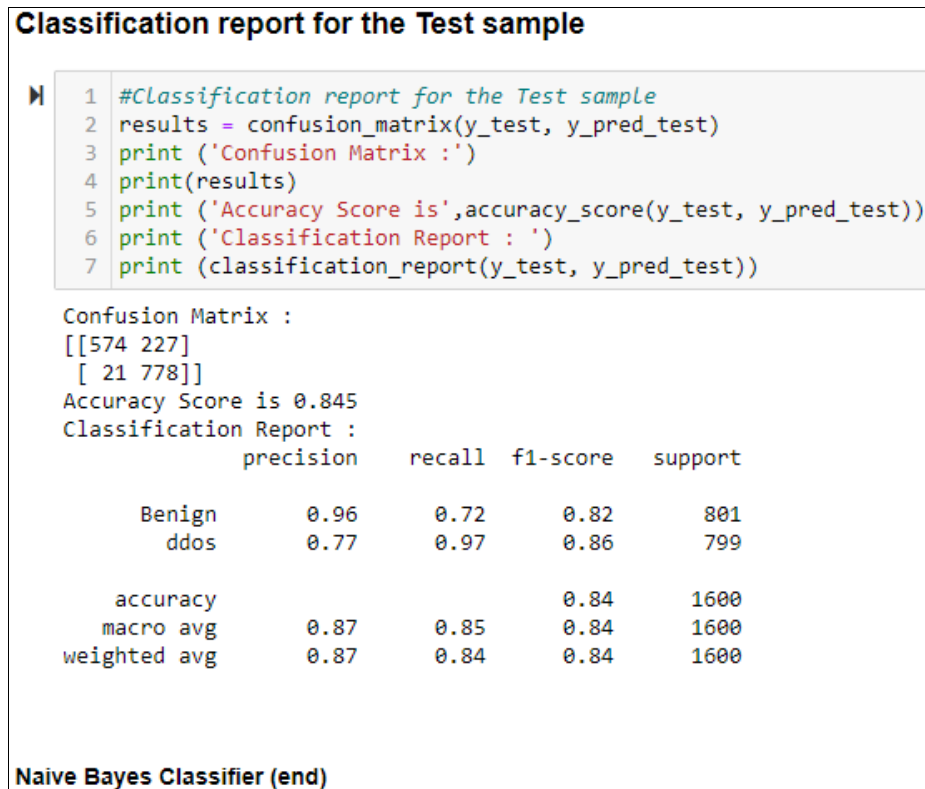
```
1 # accuracy score for the testing and the training models
2 print('Training-set accuracy score: {0:0.4f}%'. format(accuracy_score(y_train, y_pred_train)*100))
3 print('Model accuracy score: {0:0.4f}%'. format(accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_test)*100))
4 #Training-set accuracy score:
5 #Model accuracy score:

Training-set accuracy score: 84.2656%
Model accuracy score: 84.5000%
```

## Confusion Matrix for Naïve Bayes test sample



## Classification report for the Naïve Bayes test sample



## Model Execution Time:

The best time performer was KNN outperforming Naïve Bayes, Logistic Regression and Decision Tree by 50% taking 15.6ms over 31.2ms CPU time for each of the other three models. However, the poorest performer of training time lay with the Random Forest model taking 422.0ms CPU time which is substantially more than any of the other models and this is much more notable in the Figure 8 graph.

	Naive Bayes	K-nearest neighbour	Logistic Regression	Decision Tree	Random Forest	Average
CPU Time (ms)	31.20	15.60	31.20	31.20	422.00	106.24
Wall Time (ms)	20.00	35.00	31.30	26.00	433.00	109.06
Average	0.851	0.985	0.462	0.913	0.998	

## References

- [1] “Anaconda Navigator Distribution,” *Anaconda Distribution*, May 06, 2022.  
<https://www.anaconda.com/products/individual>

## Appendix 1

The original dataset (final\_dataset.csv) will be too large for the default memory allocation for Jupyter and thus the memory allocation will need to be increased from 3.2GB to approx. 16GB. This is done by the following altering the property NotebookApp.max\_buffer\_size in the file jupyter\_notebook\_config.py.

On the Anaconda command prompt:

- 1) Generate Config file using command: `jupyter notebook --generate-config`
- 2) Open `jupyter_notebook_config.py` file situated inside 'jupyter' directory and edit the following property:

`NotebookApp.max_buffer_size = your desired value`

Remember to remove the '#' before the property value.

- 3) Save the file

In the command prompt run `jupyter notebook` and it should now utilize the set memory value.

```
373
374 ## Gets or sets the maximum amount of memory, in bytes, that is allocated for use
375 # by the buffer manager.
376 # Default: 536870912
377 # c.NotebookApp.max_buffer_size = 536870912
378 c.NotebookApp.max_buffer_size = 10737418240
379
380 ## Gets or sets a lower bound on the open file handles process resource limit.
381 # This may need to be increased if you run into an OSError: [Errno 24] Too many
382 # open files. This is not applicable when running on Windows.
383 # Default: 0
384 # c.NotebookApp.open_file_handles = 0
```