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1 System Requirements

The project needs following software and hardware requirements to ensure the implementation of project goes smoothly.

1.1 Hardware Requirements

- 1. Processor 12th Gen Intel(R) Core (TM) i5-12500H 2.50 GHz
- 2. Installed RAM 16.0 GB (15.7 GB usable)
- 3. System type 64-bit operating system, x64-based processor

These are hardware requirements needed for the execute the following. The specification is recommended but not the maximum.

1.2 Software Requirements

- 1. Windows OS 10
- 2. Jupyter Notebook 7

2 Data Preprocessing

2.1 Importing Libraries

```
import pandas as psAnaly_MMRY
from sklearn import preprocessing as sscAnaly_MMRY
from imblearn.over sampling import SMOTE as omtAnaly MMRY
```

```
import warnings as ngsAnaly_MMRY
ngsAnaly_MMRY.filterwarnings("ignore")
import time as tngsAnaly_MMRY
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report as crngsAnaly_MMRY
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix as congsAnaly_MMRY
from sklearn.metrics import ConfusionMatrixDisplay as cdngsAnaly_MMRY
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV as gdngsAnaly_MMRY
```

```
from sklearn.neural_network import MLPClassifier as gdngsAnaly_MMRY_M
from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostClassifier as gdngsAnaly_MMRY_A
from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB as gdngsAnaly_MMRY_G
from sklearn.ensemble import BaggingClassifier as gdngsAnaly_MMRY_B
from sklearn.linear_model import SGDClassifier as gdngsAnaly_MMRY_S
```

```
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

All the libraries like pandas, sklearn, seaborn many more as mentioned in above figure are necessary for data preprocessing.

2.2 Loading the data

Analy_MMRY.shape	inkt.reau_c	SV(ODTUSCA	ted-MalMem2022.	CSV)				
: (58596, 57)								
: Analy_MMRY								
: Category	pslist.nproc	pslist.nppid	pslist.avg_threads	pslist.nprocs64bit	pslist.avg_handlers	dlllist.ndlls	dlllist.avg_dlls_per_proc	handles.nha
Benign	45	17	10.555556	0	202.844444	1694	38.500000	
Benign	47	19	11.531915	0	242.234043	2074	44.127660	
Benign	40	14	14.725000	0	288.225000	1932	48.300000	
Benign	32	13	13.500000	0	264.281250	1445	45.156250	
Benign	42	16	11.452381	0	281.333333	2067	49.214286	
	***	590		***	300	1885	2000	
Ransomware-Shade- ce3078d1b9840f06745f160eb	37	15	10.108108	0	215.486487	1453	39.270270	
Ransomware-Shade- 37137caf9a67678cde91e4614	37	14	9.945946	0	190.216216	1347	36.405405	
Ransomware-Shade- ea111a25da4d0888f3044ae9	38	15	9.842105	0	210.026316	1448	38.105263	
Ransomware-Shade- c086af2e1d8ebaa6f2c863157	37	15	10.243243	0	215.513513	1452	39.243243	
Ransomware-Shade- af38346c1755527bd196668e	38	15	9.868421	0	213.026316	1487	39.131579	

Dataset Obfuscated-MalMem2022 is the dataset which is named as Analy_MMRY is loaded using pandas. The dataset consists of total records of 58596 and 57 columns. Each columns are of various attributes related to malware memory.

2.3 Creating an Ouput column for Category column

```
for con in list(range(Analy_MMRY.shape[0])):
 name = Analy_MMRY['Category'][con].split('-')
 if name[0] == 'Benign':
    Analy_MMRY['Category'][con]= 'ben'
 elif name[0] == 'Ransomware':
    Analy MMRY['Category'][con]= 'ransom'
 elif name[0]== 'Trojan':
    Analy_MMRY['Category'][con]= 'trojan'
  elif name[0]== 'Spyware':
    Analy_MMRY['Category'][con]= 'spy'
Analy_MMRY['Category'].value_counts()
Category
ben
          29298
          10020
spy
          9791
ransom
trojan
           9487
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

Creating a new column for Category column mapping with Benign, Ransomware, Trojan and Spyware to shorter labels as ben, ransom, trojan and spy.

```
In [5]: Analy MMRY.info()
         <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
         RangeIndex: 58596 entries, 0 to 58595
         Data columns (total 57 columns):
                                                            Non-Null Count Dtype
          # Column
          0 Category
                                                            58596 non-null object
          1 pslist.nproc
                                                            58596 non-null int64
          pslist.nppid
                                                            58596 non-null int64
             pslist.avg_threads
pslist.nprocs64bit
                                                           58596 non-null float64
58596 non-null int64
             pslist.avg_handlers
                                                          58596 non-null float64
                                                          58596 non-null int64
58596 non-null float64
          6
              dlllist.ndlls
              dlllist.avg_dlls_per_proc
          8 handles.nhandles
                                                          58596 non-null int64
                                                          58596 non-null float64
58596 non-null int64
              handles.avg handles per proc
          10 handles.nport
          11 handles.nfile
                                                           58596 non-null int64
                                                           58596 non-null int64
58596 non-null int64
          12 handles nevent
          13 handles.ndesktop
          14 handles.nkey
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          15 handles.nthread
          16 handles.ndirectory
          17 handles.nsemaphore
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          18 handles.ntimer
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          20 handles.nmutant
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          21 ldrmodules.not_in_load
          22 ldrmodules.not_in_init
          23 ldrmodules.not_in_mem
          24 ldrmodules.not_in_load_avg
25 ldrmodules.not_in_init_avg
26 ldrmodules.not_in_mem_avg
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58596 non-null float64
                                                            58596 non-null float64
          27 malfind.ninjections
                                                            58596 non-null int64
```

The info() command shows each columns in the dataset along with Null and data type.

Removing Unique elements, null values and dupicate data.

```
### deleting unique element columns
for con in list(Analy_MMRY.columns):
    if Analy_MMRY[con].nunique()==1:
        del Analy_MMRY.shape

(58596, 54)

display("Sum of Nan data", Analy_MMRY.isnull().values.sum())

'Sum of Nan data'
0

display("Sum of Duplicate data", (Analy_MMRY[Analy_MMRY.duplicated()]).shape)

'Sum of Duplicate data'
(559, 54)
```

After removing the duplicates and unnecessary columns now there are 54 columns and 58037 values.

2.4 Label Encoding



The above snippet converts category and class columns into numeric form to make into machine readable format. Now the category column is converted into 0, 1, 2, 3 and class is converted into 0 and 1 for benign and malware.

```
Analy_MMRY.to_csv('Analy_Memory_Malware.csv', index=False)
```

After all the preprocessing steps, new dataset is created 'Analy_Memory_Malware.csv'. Using this dataset model building for all the models is done.

3 Model Building

3.1 Oversampling

```
from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE as omtAnaly_MMRY

omtAnaly_MMRY_O = omtAnaly_MMRY()
x, y = omtAnaly_MMRY_O.fit_resample(x, y)

from collections import Counter as coAnaly_MMRY
print('Smote sampling results %s' % coAnaly_MMRY(y))

Smote sampling results Counter({0: 29231, 1: 29231, 2: 29231, 3: 29231})
```

SMOTE Technique was used for address the imbalance in the dataset. Fit_resample methods is used to oversample the minority classes that is malware in the dataset using SMOTE.

3.2 Training and Testing Split

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split as SomtAnaly_MMRY

qq =0.4
dd=0.5
Rs=91
X_Analy_MMRY_NN, X_Analy_MMRY_S, Y_Analy_MMRY_NN, Y_Analy_MMRY_S = SomtAnaly_MMRY(x, y, test_size=qq, random_state=Rs)
X_Analy_MMRY_LL, X_Analy_MMRY_S, Y_Analy_MMRY_LL, Y_Analy_MMRY_S = SomtAnaly_MMRY(X_Analy_MMRY_S, Y_Analy_MMRY_S, test_size=dd,
```

Importing train and test split using sklearn. The test is split into two initial and second split. X_Analy_MMRY_NN and Y_Analy_MMRY_NN are training files, X_Analy_MMRY_LL and Y_Analy_MMRY_LL are validation files, X_Analy_MMRY_S and Y_Analy_MMRY_S are testing files. X contains feature values of data and Y contains corresponding category labels.

3.3 Model Training

Hyperparameters are set for each model building and GridSearchCV function is used for all the algorithms. Each Model is trained individually and in combination. Different variable names are given.

3.3.1 MLP Classifier

Classification Report

	precision	recall	f1-score	support	
0	1.00	0.98	0.99	5849	
1	0.52	0.18	0.27	5839	
2	0.32	0.85	0.47	5762	
3	0.84	0.07	0.13	5935	
accuracy macro avg	0,67	0.52	0.52 0.46	23385 23385	
weighted avg	0.67	0.52	0.46	23385	

Time Gap taken for Testing 0.25720906257629395

3.3.2 AdaBoost Classifier

```
from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostClassifier as gdngsAnaly_MMRY_A
Individual_vrbb1_MD = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_A(random_state=Rs)
Individual_vrbb1_MD = gdngsAnaly_MMRY(Individual_vrbb1_MD, Individual_vrbb1, cv=2, verbose=1)
Individual_vrbb1_MD.fit(X_Analy_MMRY_NN.sample(7000,random_state=Rs), Y_Analy_MMRY_NN.sample(7000,random_state=Rs))
Individual vrbbl MD.best params
Fitting 2 folds for each of 18 candidates, totalling 36 fits
```

{'algorithm': 'SAMME.R', 'learning_rate': 0.1, 'n_estimators': 50}

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	1.00	1.00	1.00	5849
1	0.48	0.39	0.43	5839
2	0.60	0.41	0.49	5762
	0.49	0.73	0.59	5935
accuracy	0.64	0.63	0.63	23385
macro avg	0.64	0.63	0.63	23385
weighted avg	0.64	0.63	0.63	23385

Time Gap taken for Testing 0.3459053039550781

3.3.3 Gaussian Naïve Bayes Classifier

```
from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB as gdngsAnaly_MMRY_G
Individual_vrbbl = {'var_smoothing': [1e-03, 1e-05, 0.1, 1e-09]
Individual_vrbbl_MD = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_G()
Individual_vrbbl_MD = gdngsAnaly_MMRY(Individual_vrbbl_MD, Individual_vrbbl, cv=2, verbose=1)
Individual\_vrbbl\_MD.fit(X\_Analy\_MMRY\_NN.sample(7000,random\_state=Rs)), Y\_Analy\_MMRY\_NN.sample(7000,random\_state=Rs))
Individual_vrbbl_MD.best_params_
Fitting 2 folds for each of 4 candidates, totalling 8 fits
```

{'var_smoothing': 1e-09}

Classification Report

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.99	0.99	0.99	5849
	0.51	0.04	0.08	5839
2	0.49	0.19	0.27	5762
	0.37	0.93	0.53	5935
accuracy macro avg weighted avg	0.59 0.59	0.54 0.54	0.54 0.47 0.47	23385 23385 23385

Time Gap taken for Testing 0.12633013725280762

3.3.4 Bagging Classifier

Classification Report

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	1.00	1.00	1.00	5849
	0.87	0.88	0.88	5839
2	0.89	0.90	0.90	5762
	0.89	0.87	0.88	5935
accuracy		5.5.	0.91	23385
macro avg	0.91	0.91	0.91	23385
weighted avg		0.91	0.91	23385

Time Gap taken for Testing 0.5735526084899902

3.3.5 SGD Classifier

Classification Report

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0 1 2 3	0.98 0.43 0.37 0.40	0.99 0.14 0.63 0.40	0.98 0.21 0.47 0.40	5861 5850 5775 5899
	0.40	0.40		
accuracy macro avg	0.55	0.54	0.54 0.52	23385 23385
weighted avg	0.55	0.54	0.52	23385

Time Gap taken for Validation 0.094573974609375

3.3.6 MLP & AdaBoost

```
Individual_vrbbl = {'voting': ['hard', 'soft']}
Individual_vrbbl_MD_1 = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_M(alpha= 0.001, batch_size= 50, solver= 'adam')
Individual_vrbbl_MD_2 = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_A(algorithm= 'SAMME.R', learning_rate= 0.1, n_estimators= 50)

Individual_vrbbl_MD= gdngsAnaly_MMRY_V(estimators=[('MLP', Individual_vrbbl_MD_1), ('AB', Individual_vrbbl_MD_2)])
Individual_vrbbl_MD = gdngsAnaly_MMRY(Individual_vrbbl_MD, Individual_vrbbl, cv=2, verbose=1)
Individual_vrbbl_MD.fit(X_Analy_MMRY_NN.sample(7000,random_state=Rs), Y_Analy_MMRY_NN.sample(7000,random_state=Rs))
Individual_vrbbl_MD.best_params_
Fitting 2 folds for each of 2 candidates, totalling 4 fits
{'voting': 'hard'}
```

Classification Report

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	1.00	1.00	1.00	5849
1	0.48	0.39	0.43	5839
2	0.60	0.41	0.49	5762
3	0.50	0.74	0.59	5935
accuracy			0.64	23385
macro avg	0.64	0.63	0.63	23385
weighted avg	0.64	0.64	0.63	23385

Time Gap taken for Testing 0.6603026390075684

3.3.7 AdaBoost & Gaussian NB

```
Individual_vrbbl_MD_1 = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_A(algorithm= 'SAMME.R', learning_rate= 0.1, n_estimators= 50)
Individual_vrbbl_MD_2 = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_G(var_smoothing= 1e-09)

Individual_vrbbl_MD= gdngsAnaly_MMRY_V(estimators=[('AB', Individual_vrbbl_MD_1), ('GNB', Individual_vrbbl_MD_2)])
Individual_vrbbl_MD = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_Individual_vrbbl_MD, Individual_vrbbl, cv=2, verbose=1)
Individual_vrbbl_MD.fit(X_Analy_MMRY_NN.sample(7000,random_state=Rs), Y_Analy_MMRY_NN.sample(7000,random_state=Rs))

Individual_vrbbl_MD.best_params_

Fitting 2 folds for each of 2 candidates, totalling 4 fits
{'voting': 'hard'}
```

Classification Report

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	1.00	1.00	1.00	5849
1 2	0.48 0.64	0.42 0.39	0.45 0.49	5839
2	0.64	0.39	0.49	5762 5935
3	0.49	0.73	0.39	3933
accuracy			0.64	23385
macro avg	0.65	0.64	0.63	23385
weighted avg	0.65	0.64	0.63	23385

Time Gap taken for Testing 0.4819650650024414

3.3.8 Gaussian NB & Bagging

```
Individual_vrbbl_MD_1 = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_G(var_smoothing= 1e-09)
Individual_vrbbl_MD_2 = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_B(max_features= 40, n_estimators= 50)

Individual_vrbbl_MD= gdngsAnaly_MMRY_V(estimators=[('GNB', Individual_vrbbl_MD_1), ('BAG', Individual_vrbbl_MD_2)])
Individual_vrbbl_MD = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_Individual_vrbbl_MD, Individual_vrbbl, cv=2, verbose=1)
Individual_vrbbl_MD.fit(X_Analy_MMRY_NN.sample(7000,random_state=Rs), Y_Analy_MMRY_NN.sample(7000,random_state=Rs))

Individual_vrbbl_MD.best_params_

Fitting 2 folds for each of 2 candidates, totalling 4 fits
{'voting': 'hard'}
```

Classification Report

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	1.00	1.00	1.00	5849
1	0.84	0.88	0.86	5839
2	0.85	0.88	0.87	5762
	0.89	0.81	0.85	5935
accuracy	0.03	0.01	0.89	23385
macro avg	0.89	0.89	0.89	23385
weighted avg	0.89	0.89	0.89	23385

Time Gap taken for Testing 0.934422492980957

3.3.9 Bagging & SGD

```
Individual_vrbbl_MD_1 = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_B(max_features= 40, n_estimators= 50)
Individual_vrbbl_MD_2 = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_S(alpha= 0.1, penalty= 'elasticnet')

Individual_vrbbl_MD= gdngsAnaly_MMRY_V(estimators=[('BAG', Individual_vrbbl_MD_1), ('SGD', Individual_vrbbl_MD_2)])
Individual_vrbbl_MD = gdngsAnaly_MMRY(Individual_vrbbl_MD, Individual_vrbbl, cv=2, verbose=1)
Individual_vrbbl_MD.fit(X_Analy_MMRY_NN.sample(7000,random_state=Rs), Y_Analy_MMRY_NN.sample(7000,random_state=Rs))
Individual_vrbbl_MD.best_params_
Fitting 2 folds for each of 2 candidates, totalling 4 fits
{'voting': 'hard'}
```

Classification Report

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.99	1.00	1.00	5849
1	0.67	0.90	0.76	5839
2	0.84	0.71	0.77	5762
3	0.88	0.70	0.78	5935
accuracy			0.83	23385
macro avg	0.85	0.83	0.83	23385
weighted avg	0.85	0.83	0.83	23385

Time Gap taken for Testing 0.8384368419647217

3.3.10 SGD & MLP

```
Individual_vrbbl_MD_1 = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_S(alpha= 0.1, penalty= 'elasticnet')
Individual_vrbbl_MD_2 = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_M(alpha= 0.001, batch_size= 50, solver= 'adam')
Individual_vrbbl_MD= gdngsAnaly_MMRY_V(estimators=[('SGD', Individual_vrbbl_MD_1), ('MLP', Individual_vrbbl_MD_2)])
Individual_vrbbl_MD = gdngsAnaly_MMRY(Individual_vrbbl_MD, Individual_vrbbl, cv=2, verbose=1)
Individual_vrbbl_MD.fit(X_Analy_MMRY_NN.sample(7000,random_state=Rs), Y_Analy_MMRY_NN.sample(7000,random_state=Rs))
Individual_vrbbl_MD.best_params_
Fitting 2 folds for each of 2 candidates, totalling 4 fits
{'voting': 'hard'}
```

Classification Report

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.99	0.99	0.99	5849
1	0.34	1.00	0.50	5839
2	0.77	0.02	0.03	5762
3	0.96	0.00	0.01	5935
accuracy			0.50	23385
macro avg	0.76	0.50	0.38	23385
weighted avg	0.76	0.50	0.38	23385

Time Gap taken for Testing 0.46872973442077637

3.3.11 MLP, AdaBoost & Gaussian NB

Classification Report

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0 1	0.99 0.39	1.00 0.22	1.00 0.28	5849 5839
2	0.54	0.26	0.35	5762
3	0.45	0.86	0.59	5935
accuracy			0.59	23385
macro avg	0.59	0.58	0.55	23385
weighted avg	0.59	0.59	0.55	23385

Time Gap taken for Testing 0.5585181713104248

3.3.12 Gaussian NB, Bagging and SGB

```
Individual_vrbbl_MD_1 = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_G(var_smoothing= 1e-09)
Individual_vrbbl_MD_2 = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_B(max_features= 40, n_estimators= 50)
Individual_vrbbl_MD_3 = gdngsAnaly_MMRY_S(alpha= 0.1, penalty= 'elasticnet')

Individual_vrbbl_MD= gdngsAnaly_MMRY_V(estimators=[('GNB', Individual_vrbbl_MD_1), ('BAG', Individual_vrbbl_MD_2), ('SGD', Individual_vrbbl_MD = gdngsAnaly_MMRY(Individual_vrbbl_MD, Individual_vrbbl, cv=2, verbose=1)
Individual_vrbbl_MD.fit(X_Analy_MMRY_NN.sample(7000,random_state=Rs), Y_Analy_MMRY_NN.sample(7000,random_state=Rs))
Individual_vrbbl_MD.best_params_

Fitting 2 folds for each of 2 candidates, totalling 4 fits

{'voting': 'hard'}
```

Classification Report

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0 1 2	0.99 0.64 0.81 0.40	1.00 0.21 0.20 0.95	0.99 0.31 0.33 0.56	5849 5839 5762 5935
accuracy macro avg weighted avg	0.71 0.71	0.59 0.59	0.59 0.55 0.55	23385 23385 23385

Time Gap taken for Testing 0.5011446475982666

4. Dataset

In this study, the CIC MalMem_2022 dataset used is from Canadian Institute for Cybersecurity. This dataset is publicly available with synthetic collection of Memory malware (CIC_MalMem_2022, 2022).

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