Machine Learning in Cybersecurity

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Abstract

Cybersecurity is a rapidly expanding sector where the reasons for its enormous influence are difficult, if not impossible, to pin down. Giving hostile threats the green light to operate in any setting is completely unacceptable and could lead to violent harm. This is especially true for the complex web of online users, businesses, and information that cyber security firms are struggling to protect. Everyone whose home, workplace, school, or government is located within range of the internet should give some consideration to cyber security. The cyber security landscape will be advanced with the use of Machine Learning. Nowadays, companies collect massive volumes of user data. Any system that is vital to your company's operations revolves around information. Included in here are the infrastructural systems that are currently under implementation. Network and cyber security systems in today's high-tech infrastructure collect massive volumes of data and analytics on nearly every crucial component of mission-critical systems. While human beings continue to play a crucial role in providing operational oversight and smart insights into modern infrastructure, machine learning and Artificial Intelligence are rapidly expanding and acquiring tremendous traction in many aspects of modern systems, whether they are located on premises or in the cyber security estate. opening the path to a digital future that is both more secure and more robust. The study discusses the challenges and moral dilemmas that arise when applying Machine Learning to cybersecurity. The importance of a comprehensive approach that combines contemporary technology with ethical concerns is brought to light as issues such as adversarial attacks, biassed datasets, and the interpretability of Machine Learning models are discussed. A more secure and robust digital future is possible through the combination of human knowledge and artificial intelligence, which provides an effective barrier against ever-changing cyber threats.

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1. Introduction

In the current digital era, where technology is present in every part of our lives, the widespread presence of cyberspace has enabled unprecedented levels of efficiency and connectivity. But there has also been a stunning rise in cyberthreats because of this connectedness, ranging from basic malware to highly skilled, targeted attacks. As companies digitize their operations and people become more dependent on online platforms, the importance of robust cybersecurity measures cannot be overstated. The traditional Cybersecurity paradigms, which usually rely on rule-based systems and static signatures, cannot keep up with the dynamic and varied tactics employed by cyber adversaries. Attackers are employing social engineering, zero-day exploits, and polymorphic strategies to render conventional defenses ineffectual since threats are always evolving. A glimmer of light against this backdrop is the integration of Machine Learning (ML), which offers a paradigm shift in our approach to cybersecurity [1]. Without explicit programming, systems may learn from data and make intelligent decisions thanks to a type of artificial intelligence known as machine learning. ML's ability to spot patterns, anomalies, and trends in massive datasets makes it a potent partner in the never-ending battle against cyberthreats.

Machine learning algorithms are particularly effective at identifying novel and unidentified attack pathways because they are flexible, unlike traditional methods that rely on predetermined criteria [2]. This paper intends to thoroughly examine the mutually advantageous relationship between machine learning and cybersecurity, with an emphasis on its applications in threat detection and defense systems. By understanding the limitations of conventional approaches, we can appreciate the transformative potential that machine learning presents.

The many machine learning approaches, their real-world applications in cybersecurity, and the ethical concerns associated with their application will all be covered in the upcoming sections. At the intersection of human creativity and machine intelligence, machine learning (ML) in cybersecurity holds the potential to improve our defenses against existing threats while anticipating and proactively addressing emerging ones. The combination of human experience and machine learning's adaptation in this dynamic environment is poised to usher in an era of resilience, agility, and unparalleled defense against the ever-evolving array of cyber threats [3].

2. Machine learning

The creation of algorithms and techniques that computers may use to learn from data, recognize patterns, and progressively improve what they do without human assistance is the focus of the artificial intelligence discipline known as machine learning (ML). Combining a variety of statistical techniques, machine learning (ML) allows systems to sort through vast amounts of data, generate predictions, and reach fact-based conclusions. It is possible to learn in three different ways: supervised, unsupervised, and reinforcement based. Because of its adaptability, machine learning (ML) has emerged as a crucial tool in a wide range of industries, including cybersecurity, online shopping, finance, medicine, and driverless cars. Since ML has raised concerns about data quality, research into strategies to make these systems more resilient, transparent, and equitable is ongoing.

This has changed dramatically in the last ten years due to developments in Machine Learning made possible by more powerful computers, better learning algorithms, and quicker access to massive amounts of data. Its success is dependent on algorithms that learn from their mistakes and become better at spotting trends in data [4].

The three primary categories of machine learning are [5]:

- **Supervised learning**

  Models learn to map inputs to outputs in supervised learning by being trained on labelled datasets. Neural networks, decision trees, and straight relapse are commonplace in calculations. Activities such as picture categorization and voice recognition make use of this method.

- **Unsupervised learning**

  Unsupervised learning involves discovering patterns in unlabeled data, with techniques like clustering and dimensionality reduction. It's used for tasks such as anomaly detection and customer segmentation.

- **Reinforcement learning**

  Reinforcement learning is a prominent method in robotics and video games where an agent interacts with its surroundings to maximize rewards. There are many different industries that might benefit from ML. Specifically, it aids in healthcare diagnosis and individualized treatment plans. Use cases include automated trading and the identification of fraud in the financial sector. Machine learning is useful in cybersecurity for spotting suspicious activity and suspicious threats. Figure 1 below shows the types of Machine Learning.

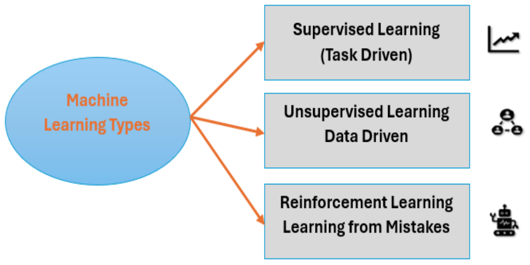
Machine Learning Types
Supervised Learning (Task Driven)
Unsupervised Learning Data Driven
Reinforcement Learning Learning from Mistakes

Fig 1. Machine learning types

For many cybersecurity uses, drug recognition is an essential part of risk data extraction from massive amounts of unstructured text. However, there are also obstacles to ML, such as security concerns, bias, interpretability, and poor data quality. To solve these difficulties and make ML more robust, fair, and transparent, researchers are always working on new methods [5].

A. A fundamental model for machine learning [6]

The process of teaching a computer program to carry out a desired action using just data is known as machine learning (ML). Gathering data, cleaning it up, training the model, testing it, and finally deploying it are the main steps in the machine learning model.

- Data Collection: This is the typical structure for an introduction, where several sources are compiled. The performance of the ML model is highly dependent on the data, both in terms of number and quality.
- Data Preprocessing: Cleaning and transforming the data is necessary prior to using it for model training. At this point, you'll deal with missing values, scale or normalize the data, encode the categorical variables, and divide the data into a sampling and training set.
- Model Trainings: Following its preparation, the demonstration attempted to evaluate its performance using a separate dataset. Assessment metrics like exactness, review, F1-score, and harsh squared mistakes are commonly used, however they vary by task.
- Model Evaluation: Following training, the model's efficacy is assessed by running it on an independent dataset. Metrics including accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and mean squared error are commonly used for evaluation, albeit they do vary by job.
- Model Deployment: The model is prepared for usage in practical settings after it has been tested and adjusted. At this point, you should be checking that the model works as intended and keeping an eye on its performance as you integrate it into preexisting systems or software. Machine learning systems can be built and implemented using this fundamental approach. To enhance the model's accuracy, resilience, and dependability, extra steps such as feature engineering, hyper parameter tuning, and continuous monitoring can be incorporated; however, this depends on the project's complexity and scope. Figure 2 below clarify the model of machine learning.

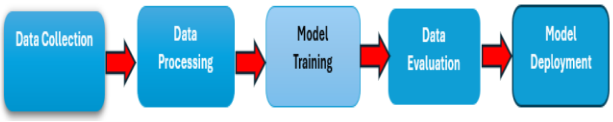

Fig 2. The Model of Machine Learning

B. Tasks classification of machine learning in cybersecurity [7]

When it comes to cybersecurity, machine learning is crucial for better threat detection, avoidance, and response. To better protect their networks from cyber-attacks, organizations can use Cyber Risk Insights (CTI) to assist their security groups. The incorporation of risk assessment frameworks or systems will allow them to achieve this goal. One of the main worries of security analysts nowadays is the increasing frequency of phishing attacks. Conventional tools for identifying phishing websites rely on signature-based methods, which cannot differentiate newly created phishing websites.

3. Context of Cybersecurity Challenges

As the digital world is always changing, so is the context of cybersecurity challenges. Cybercriminals are becoming craftier and more resourceful as technology develops. Digital transformation, which necessitates the utilization of adaptive cloud services, IoT devices, and networked systems, are contextual elements that amplify cybersecurity challenges. Robust security measures are necessary to protect digital assets and sensitive data from the growing attack surface. Concerning the field of digital security, there are several obstacles that must be overcome. Cybersecurity is becoming more of a problem for people, businesses, and governments as the number of interconnected devices continues to grow. The ever-changing nature of cyber threats, as well as malevolent actors, human mistakes, and technological weaknesses, are some of the many causes of these difficulties. There has been a dramatic increase in cybercrime over the globe. Various methods are utilized by cybercriminals to take advantage of weaknesses in computer systems and networks. These methods include phishing, ransomware attacks, data breaches, identity theft, and financial fraud. Cybercrime has a huge monetary impact and is constantly changing as offenders discover new ways to take advantage of technology [8].

Cybercriminals frequently aim their assaults at government agencies and the government itself. To obtain strategic advantages, disrupt vital infrastructure, or compromise sensitive information, nation-states participate in cyber espionage, theft of intellectual property, and sabotage. These assaults pose a serious threat to national security because they frequently use complex methods. More and more things are becoming interconnected, and with that comes new security concerns. This includes things like smart home appliances, wearables, and industrial control systems. Compromised security on many IoT devices can result in privacy breaches, illegal access, and possible interruptions to essential services because of these devices' inherent weaknesses. Data storage, processing, and access have all been revolutionized by cloud computing. On the other hand, new security issues have been raised by it. Security breaches in cloud settings provide a threat of unauthorized access to sensitive data, interruptions in service, and possible infractions of compliance regulations. For the sake of their cloud infrastructure and data, organizations should establish stringent security protocols. The term "insider threat" describes the dangers that might arise from inside an organization [9].

Employee dissatisfaction, carelessness, or external threats are all potential sources of such dangers. Journal of Advanced Research and Reviews, insiders may breach systems (whether on purpose or by accident), disclose confidential information, or commit fraud. The goal of social engineering is to get people to reveal sensitive information or do something that could put security at risk. Common methods used to trick naive users into giving hackers access to private data or systems include phishing, pretexting, baiting, and tailgating. Many privacy and data protection laws and regulations, like the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), require organizations to adhere to certain standards and restrictions. It is particularly difficult for international organizations to ensure compliance with these rules while maintaining strong security measures. Emerging technologies like blockchain, artificial intelligence (AI), and machine learning (ML) are bringing both possibilities and threats to cybersecurity with their rapid adoption. Threat actors can abuse these technologies, even though they can improve security capabilities. It is critical to develop robust security measures for these developing technologies. Strong security policies, user education and awareness, public-private partnerships, and constant R&D to ward off new cyberattacks are all necessary to overcome these cybersecurity issues [10].

4. Evolution of Threats in Cyberspace

Computer systems, networks, and data can be vulnerable to cyber-attacks, which are deliberate attempts to compromise their availability, confidentiality, or integrity. To protect their digital assets from ever-changing cyber threats, people and organizations use a wide range of defense measures. Cyber threat evolution is a continuous and ever-changing process. Emergence of new dangers is a regular byproduct of technological development and the increasing dependence on digital systems. The following are examples of typical cyber-attacks, and the defenses put in place to counter them: malware, phishing, social engineering, advanced persistent threats, supply chain attacks, DoS and distributed denial-of-service, man-in-the-middle, SQL injection, cross-site scripting, zero-day exploits, and insider threats [11]. Figure 3 below illustrates the types of cyber-attack.

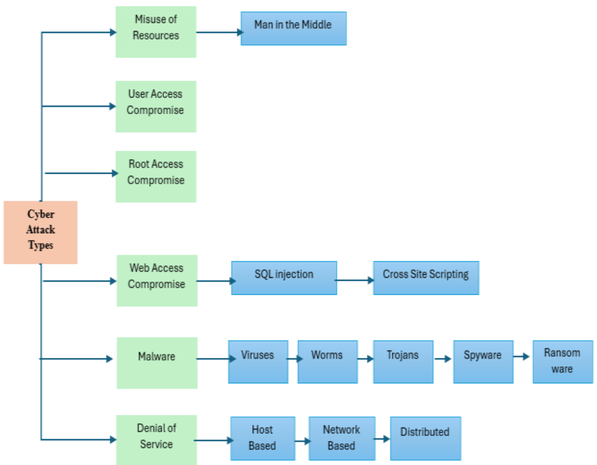

Fig 3. Classifications of cyber-attacks

For example, from the dawn of computing, harmful software like viruses, worms, and Trojan horses has been a constant threat. Malware is software that infects computers, steals data, or interferes with regular operations. To commit a phishing assault, one must impersonate a trustworthy entity to deceive people into divulging important information like passwords or credit card numbers. By playing on people's emotions and rationality, social engineers can coerce them into giving up sensitive information or carrying out an unwanted activity. According to the World Journal of Advanced Research and Reviews, APTs are sneaky cyberattacks carried out by nation-states or other well-funded cybercriminals with a lot of expertise. To conduct espionage, data theft, or sabotage, APTs seek to acquire persistent access to specific systems. Malicious software known as "ransomware" encrypts a user's data and then demands payment to unlock it. Individuals, companies, and even essential infrastructure have all been the targets of these disruptive and widely performed attacks [12].

Security flaws have surfaced due to the explosion of Internet of Things devices. Compromises in the configuration or security of IoT devices leave them vulnerable to being utilized as points of access into networks or as springboards for assaults. Supply chain attacks aim to obtain unauthorized access to customers' systems by compromising trusted software or hardware suppliers, rather than directly targeting a single organization. Widespread and far-reaching repercussions can result from this technique. Attacks known as zero-day vulnerabilities aim for software flaws that have not yet been patched because the manufacturer is unaware of them. These vulnerabilities can be used by cybercriminals or actors with malicious intent to obtain unauthorized access or install malware. When employees with authorized access to a company's systems or data commit acts of malice or carelessness, it is known as an insider threat. These people might purposefully divulge confidential information, destroy systems, or accidentally jeopardize security due to negligence [13].

Unauthorized access to cloud environments, data breaches, and misconfigurations are growing concerns for organizations that depend on cloud-based services. Threat actors and security experts alike are making use of AI and ML technology. The employment of AI-based tools for reconnaissance and attack automation, automated spear-phishing campaigns, adversarial assaults that alter AI models, and other similar threats have been documented. Cybersecurity experts, businesses, and governments must keep up with the newest attack patterns and methodologies, implement stringent security measures, and adapt their defenses regularly to counter these ever-changing threats [11].

5. Mechanisms of Related Cyber Defense

To safeguard systems, networks, and data from cyber-attacks, a wide range of methods, technologies, and practices are employed as cyber defense measures. Firewalls, intrusion detection systems (IDS), antivirus and anti-malware software, encryption, multi-factor authentication (MFA), patch management, network segmentation, endpoint security, incident response, cybersecurity policies, and training for security awareness are all related cyber defense mechanisms as clarifies in figure 4 below [14].

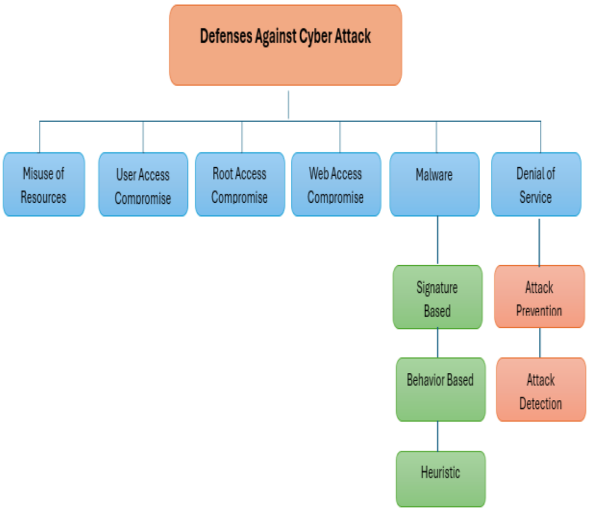

Fig 4. Possible defenses against cyber-attacks

6. Exploring the Importance of Cyber Threat Detection and Defense

Cyberspace defense and improved threat detection are more important than ever in today's linked world. Cybercriminals have a lot of room to maneuver thanks to the proliferation of digital systems and the lightning-fast pace of technological development World Journal of Advanced Research and Reviews. Identifying, mitigating, and responding to these ever-changing dangers effectively require advanced threat detection and defense methods. The methods and tools used by cybercriminals to breach networks are always evolving and growing more complex. To identify and protect against these sophisticated threats, it is crucial to use advanced threat detection technologies, as traditional security measures are frequently insufficient. To evade detection by conventional security measures, modern cyber-attacks frequently use covert methods. To evade standard security protocols, sophisticated attackers may employ tools like advanced persistent threats (APTs), polymorphic malware, and zero-day vulnerabilities. To counter these cunning and covert strategies, researchers have developed cutting-edge threat detection and defense mechanism solutions [13].

Cybercriminals often go after businesses or people in their assaults. It might be difficult for traditional security measures to identify and stop targeted attacks by advanced threat actors since they may perform extensive reconnaissance and create personalized strikes. There is no static cyber threat landscape; it is ever-changing. Novel attack methods and vulnerabilities are constantly being found. To better withstand the most cutting-edge cyberattacks, organizations should implement solutions for sophisticated threat detection and defense mechanisms that can change and adapt with the threat landscape. Organizations face substantial risks from insider threats, whether intentional or not, because not all cyber threats originate from outside sources. By keeping tabs on and analyzing user behavior, advanced threat detection tools can spot irregularities and possible insider threats [15].

Protecting data and privacy is crucial given the growing volume of sensitive information kept online. Before sensitive data is compromised, advanced threat detection assists organizations in identifying and preventing possible breaches. There are strict laws governing cybersecurity and data protection in many businesses. By putting modern threat detection and defense systems in place, businesses can comply with regulations and steer clear of possible legal and financial repercussions [10].

Organizations can take a proactive rather than reactive approach to cybersecurity with the help of advanced threat detection and defense methods. Organizations can lessen the possible impact of cyberattacks and minimize damage by recognizing and addressing risks early on. Network and endpoint security are both included in advanced threat detection. A thorough strategy that addresses the network as well as individual devices is essential for effective defense because cyber-attacks target a variety of entry points. In summary, organizations must protect sensitive data, maintain regulatory compliance, and maintain a robust cybersecurity posture in the face of a constantly changing threat landscape. These factors, along with the evolving nature of cyber threats and the growing sophistication of attackers, are what drive the need for Advanced Threat Detection and Defense in cyberspace [12].

7. Conventional Threat Identification and Defense Techniques and Related Issues

The term "traditional threat detection and defense mechanisms" describes the standard methods used to detect and lessen security concerns across a range of businesses. These techniques are relatively effective, although they have several shortcomings. Using recognized patterns or signatures of malicious activity, signature-based detection searches for threats. For example, antivirus software uses signature databases to search for known malware.

However, only known threats may be detected using this method. It finds it difficult to manage emerging or changing risks for which no signatures have been found yet. Signature-based detection methods are easily circumvented by polymorphic malware and zero-day exploits. In rule-based detection, particular patterns or rules that point to harmful activity are defined. The use of rule-based detection is common in intrusion detection systems (IDS). This method's drawback is that manual rule construction and maintenance are necessary, which can be laborious and prone to human error. Furthermore, false positives or false negatives could be produced by rule-based systems, resulting in missed detections or inefficient use of resources [16].

Network-based detection keeps an eye on network traffic to spot unusual or suspicious activity. Although this method can assist in identifying network-based assaults, it might not be able to handle encrypted traffic or application-layer attacks. Additionally, network-based detection produces a lot of notifications, which can overwhelm security professionals and make it difficult to concentrate on the most important risks. The goal of host-based detection is to keep an eye on events and activity on specific hosts or systems. It can provide light on malicious activity and intrusions at the system level. Nevertheless, host-based detection is only as good as the host being watched. Lateral movement within a network or coordinated attacks spanning several systems might go unnoticed. There are many traditional human analysts uses to threat detection systems to investigate incidents, draw conclusions, and review alerts. This traditional and manual method takes a long time and is probable to prone to human default. Human analysts are not able to handle the volume of alarms generated by automated detection systems, or they might miss minute indications of an attack. International Journal of Advanced Reviews and Research [14].

Behavioral analysis and contextual awareness are often beyond the scope of conventional systems. They may choose to focus on static indicators or individual occurrences rather than the broader context of an assault or the behavioral patterns associated with advanced threats. Because of this restriction, complex attacks with multi-stage or low-and-slow tendencies may be hard or impossible to detect. Performance and scalability issues may arise with traditional approaches. Delays in detection and reaction times could result from these mechanisms' inability to handle the processing demands of growing data volumes and threat complexity. Businesses are using more sophisticated and clever strategies, like behavior analytics, security automation, threat intelligence sharing, orchestration, and machine learning-based anomaly detection, to overcome these constraints. These methods increase detection accuracy, lower false positives, and speed up reaction to new threats by utilizing automation and artificial intelligence [17].

8. Using Machine Learning for Threat Detection in Cybersecurity

Without explicit programming, machines may learn patterns, make predictions, and get better over time thanks to a wide range of methods and algorithms known as machine learning (ML). Neural networks, decision trees, random forests, supervised learning, unsupervised learning, semi-supervised learning, reinforcement learning, deep learning, support vector machines (SVM), K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), and unsupervised learning are some of the basic machine learning techniques that can be applied appropriately based on their use cases, whether they are for classification, clustering, or regression. In cybersecurity, machine learning (ML) has emerged as a potent instrument for threat identification. It makes it possible to create resilient and flexible systems that can examine vast volumes of data, spot trends, and spot irregularities that can point to security risks [18].

Machine learning has been widely used to identify cybersecurity vulnerabilities. To find recurring themes and traits, machine learning algorithms can examine the features of known malware samples. By comparing them to established patterns, models that can identify novel and unidentified malware variants can be constructed using this data. Machine learning is used to build several models that learn what "normal" behavior in a network or system looks like. After that, these models spot departures from typical behavior, which may point to malicious activity or an ongoing attack. Analyzing network data using machine learning algorithms might help spot unusual or suspicious activity that might point to an intrusion attempt. By looking at past data, these algorithms can identify new and developing assault trends. Machine Learning (ML) may examine user activity patterns, including usage, resources, access patterns, and login timings to spot abnormalities that might point to insider threats or compromised accounts [19]. Machine learning algorithms can be trained to recognize patterns and characteristics frequently found in phishing and spam emails. These models can be utilized to recognize and stop such hurtful things. Patterns in network data that point to malicious activity, such as botnet activity or Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) assaults, can be found by utilizing machine learning (ML). Vulnerabilities can be prioritized utilizing machine learning algorithms according to their possible and importance influence. Security teams can recognize the most critical vulnerabilities by utilizing machine learning models to examine and correlate historical data with vulnerability scan results. Although machine learning can play an important role and works in-spotting dangers when combined with other security strategies like frequent patching, secure setups, and user education to produce a strong cybersecurity plan, but it has some negatives, to minimize false negatives and adjust to changing threats, machine learning models also need to be adjusted and examined on a recurrent basis [18].

9. Recommendation

Upholding transparency regarding data use fosters user confidence and conforms with privacy regulations. It's imperative to ensure that data usage policies are transparent, which includes providing customers with succinct and clear information about the kinds of data gathered, the rationale behind them, and the security precautions taken. Before processing a user's data, their express consent must be obtained. If fair threat predictions are to be produced, biases in ML models must be addressed using strategies including diverse training datasets, regular fairness audits, and ongoing bias monitoring.

The creation of user education programs is justified since it encourages responsible use by educating users about AI's potential and constraints. Collaboration between automated and human system analysts is encouraged by clear information regarding AI's involvement in threat prediction. It is essential to promote responsible development practices among developers, with a focus on ethical considerations and methods for reporting vulnerabilities. Institutions, decision-makers, and business partners must work together to apply AI and ML in cyber security in a way that combines organizational readiness, technological expertise, and ethical considerations to build a robust defense against evolving threats [17]. Research and development are continuously focused on using machine learning to increase the accuracy of cyber threat identification. By automating threat detection, classification, and response, machine learning techniques can strengthen cyber security systems. For machine learning algorithms to detect patterns and produce precise predictions, they require a variety of training data with distinct labels. It is essential to have a comprehensive and up-to-date dataset that covers a range of cyberthreats, both known and unknown. It's critical to find pertinent aspects that accurately depict these hazards, using knowledge of cyber security to choose and design significant elements. By integrating the results of several machine learning models, ensemble learning can improve accuracy and generalization. To build strong and varied ensembles, strategies like bagging, boosting, and stacking are used. By learning from typical behavior and identifying deviations, anomaly detection techniques such as clustering, auto encoders, and one-class SVMs are widely employed to identify new threats. Deep learning models, such as CNNs and RNNs, have demonstrated efficacy in cyber security by accurately identifying threats by identifying complex patterns and relationships in data. Mechanisms for continuous learning allow models to be updated with real-time threat information as cyber dangers change constantly, improving the accuracy of identifying new threats. A Thorough Analysis of Applying Machine Learning to Meet Cybersecurity Requirements [20]. The goal of adversarial attacks is to get around machine learning models, which is why adversarial machine learning strategies like defensive distillation and adversarial training are being used to create robust models. Although danger identification is automated and enhanced by machine learning models, human expertise is still essential. By incorporating domain expertise and human input, model predictions may be validated and interpreted, improving accuracy and reducing false positives and negatives. Frequent performance review of machine learning models is essential for improvement, and analyst and cybersecurity expert input informs model improvements over time. A thorough cybersecurity architecture that incorporates additional strategies like network monitoring, intrusion detection systems, secure coding methods, and user awareness training is crucial, even though machine learning significantly improves cyber threat identification [19].

10. Conclusion

In cybersecurity, the application of machine learning to proactive defenses represents a paradigm change. A more intelligent, flexible, and effective defense posture is facilitated by machine learning (ML), which leverages the power of advanced analytics and pattern recognition. Modern cybersecurity tactics rely heavily on machine learning (ML) because of its capacity to identify small anomalies, automate responses, and continuously learn from evolving threats. Large data sets can be analyzed using machine learning and artificial intelligence algorithms to find trends, abnormalities, and risks that were previously unidentified. To identify known threat patterns and gradually increase accuracy, machine learning models can be trained on past data. Despite certain obstacles, incorporating machine learning (ML) into proactive defense mechanisms is a strategic necessity for companies hoping to maintain an advantage in the game of cat and mouse with cyber adversaries. Realizing ML's full potential in strengthening cybersecurity defenses will depend on addressing issues and using its advantages as the field develops.

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