

# **APPLICATION OF CUSUM METHOD FOR DETECTION OF DoS ATTACKS**

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**Introduction.** DoS (Denial of Service) - attack is regular traffic + artificial traffic.

Page [1954] introduced CUSUM method.

Let  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots, \theta_0 - 1$  are iid with CDF  $F(x, \alpha_0)$  and after  $\theta \geq 0$   $x_n \sim F(x, \alpha)$ , where  $\alpha \neq \alpha_0$ .

$$S_n = (S_{n-1} + q(x_n))^+, \quad (1)$$

where  $z^+ = \max(0, z)$ ,  $q(x) = \log \frac{dF(x, \alpha)}{dF(x, \alpha_0)}$ ,  $S_0 = s \geq 0$ .

$$\tau_b = \inf\{n > 0 : S_n \geq b\} \quad (2)$$

Two main characteristics:

ARL (Average Run Length):  $(\theta = \infty)$ ;

AD (Average Delay):  $\theta = 0$ .

For initial condition  $S_0 = s$  :

$$ARL = j_\infty(s) = E_s\{\tau_b | \theta = \infty\} \quad (3)$$

$$AD = j_0(s) = E_s\{\tau_b | \theta = 0\} \quad (4)$$

For some distributions:

$S_n = (S_{n-1} + x_n - a)^+$  where  $a = \text{const}$ , ARL is determined by

$$j(s) = 1 + E_s\{I(0 < S_1 < b)j(S_1)\} + P_s\{S_1 = 0\}j(0), \quad s < b. \quad (5)$$

For AD that is analogous with condition  $\theta = 0$ .

Shiryayev [1996] showed minimax optimality of the method.

## Bernoulli distribution.

Let  $x_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$  are Bernoulli with parameter  $\alpha_0$ :

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 1 - \alpha_0, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Suppose that after change point  $x_n$  are Bernoulli with  $\alpha > \alpha_0$ ,

$$S_n = \left( S_{n-1} + \ln \frac{\alpha^{x_n}(1-\alpha)^{1-x_n}}{\alpha_0^{x_n}(1-\alpha_0)^{1-x_n}} \right)^+.$$

If  $\alpha < \alpha_0$  then we change  $\alpha'_0 = 1 - \alpha_0$ ,  $\alpha' = 1 - \alpha$ .

$\Rightarrow$

$$q(x_n) = \ln \frac{\alpha^{x_n}(1-\alpha)^{1-x_n}}{\alpha_0^{x_n}(1-\alpha_0)^{1-x_n}} = \left( \ln \frac{\alpha}{\alpha_0} - \ln \frac{1-\alpha}{1-\alpha_0} \right) x_n + \ln \frac{1-\alpha}{1-\alpha_0} = \gamma x_n + \beta.$$

$$\alpha > \alpha_0, \Rightarrow \gamma > 0, \beta < 0 \text{ and } \gamma + \beta > 0.$$

For ARL:

$$S_1 = \begin{cases} 0, & x_1 = 0 \quad s + \beta \leq 0 \\ s + \beta > 0, & x_1 = 0 \quad s + \beta > 0 \\ s + \gamma + \beta > 0, & x_1 = 1. \end{cases}$$

$$E_s\{I(0 < S_1 < b)j(S_1)\} = \alpha_0 I(s + \gamma + \beta < b)j(s + \gamma + \beta) + \\ + (1 - \alpha_0)I(0 < s + \beta < b)j(s + \beta)$$

$$P_s(S_1 = 0) = (1 - \alpha_0)I(s \leq -\beta)$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$j(s) = \begin{cases} 1 + \alpha_0 j(s + \gamma + \beta) + (1 - \alpha_0)j(s + \beta)^+, & 0 \leq s < b \\ 0, & s = b \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

For AD we change  $\alpha_0$  on  $\alpha$ .

Depending on  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha$  there are different equation forms.

1. **Let**  $[\gamma + \beta] = [-\beta]$ . Without loss of generality

$$-\beta = 1, b^* = \frac{b}{-\beta}, z = \frac{\gamma+\beta}{-\beta}, [z] = 1.$$

$$j(s) = \begin{cases} 1 + \alpha_0 j(s+1) + (1 - \alpha_0) j(s-1)^+, & 0 \leq s < b^* \\ 0, & s \geq b^* \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

For  $0 \leq s \leq b^*$ :

$$\begin{cases} j(0) &= 1 + \alpha_0 j(1) + (1 - \alpha_0) j(0) \\ \dots & \\ j(n) &= 1 + \alpha_0 j(n+1) + (1 - \alpha_0) j(n-1) \\ \dots & \\ j(b^* - 1) &= 1 + \alpha_0 j(b^*) + (1 - \alpha_0) j(b^* - 2) \\ j(b^*) &= 0 \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

(a) Let  $\alpha_0 = 0.5$ . Denote  $j(0) = t$ . Then

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} j(0) = t \\ j(1) = t - 2 \\ j(2) = t - 6 \\ \dots \\ j(n) = t - 2(1 + 2 + \dots + n) = t - n(n + 1) \\ \dots \\ j(b) = t - b(b + 1) \end{array} \right.$$

$j(b) = 0 \rightarrow t = b(b + 1) \rightarrow$

$$j(s) = b^*(b^* + 1) - s(s + 1)$$

(b) Let  $\alpha_0 \neq 0.5$ .

**Proposition 1.** The solution for  $\alpha_0 \neq 0.5$  is

$$j(n) = \frac{(2\alpha_0 - 1)(b - n) + \frac{(1-\alpha_0)^{b+1}}{\alpha_0^b} - \frac{(1-\alpha_0)^{n+1}}{\alpha_0^n}}{(2\alpha_0 - 1)^2}, \quad 0 \leq n \leq b^*.$$

2. Let  $\gamma + \beta < -\beta$ , i.e.  $\begin{cases} 0 < \alpha_0 \leq 0.5, \\ \alpha > 1 - \alpha_0, \end{cases}$  or  $0.5 < \alpha_0 < 1$ .

Changing arguments

$$\gamma + \beta = 1, b^* = \frac{b}{\gamma + \beta}, z = \frac{-\beta}{\gamma + \beta}.$$

$$j(s) = \begin{cases} 1 + \alpha_0 j(s+1) + (1 - \alpha_0) j(s-m)^+, & 0 \leq s < b^* \\ 0, & s \geq b^* \end{cases}$$

Where  $m = [z] > 1$ .

$$\text{For } 0 \leq s \leq b^*: \quad \begin{cases} j(0) &= 1 + \alpha_0 j(1) + (1 - \alpha_0)j(0) \\ \dots \\ j(m) &= 1 + \alpha_0 j(m+1) + (1 - \alpha_0)j(0) \\ j(m+1) &= 1 + \alpha_0 j(m+2) + (1 - \alpha_0)j(1) \\ \dots \\ j(b^*-1) &= 1 + \alpha_0 j(b^*) + (1 - \alpha_0)j(b^*-m-1) \\ j(b^*) &= 0 \end{cases}$$

**Generating function**  $\phi(z)$ .

$$\phi(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} j_n z^n = \frac{j_0 \alpha_0 (z-1) - j_0 (1-\alpha_0)(z^{m+1}-z) + z}{(\alpha_0 - z + (1-\alpha_0)z^{m+1})(z-1)}$$

**Lemma.** The equation  $(1 - \alpha_0)z^{m+1} + \alpha_0 - z = p(z)$  has no multiple roots for  $\alpha_0 \neq m/(m + 1)$ , otherwise, there are double roots 1.

$\Rightarrow$  For  $\alpha_0 \neq \frac{m}{m+1}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(z) &= \frac{1}{1-\alpha_0} \times \frac{z}{(z-1)^2(\sum_{i=1}^m z^i - \frac{\alpha_0}{1-\alpha_0})} + j_0 \frac{1}{1-z} = \frac{1}{1-\alpha_0} \times \\ &\times \left( \frac{A}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{B}{z-1} + \frac{C_1}{z-z_1} + \dots + \frac{C_m}{z-z_m} \right) + j_0 \frac{1}{1-z},\end{aligned}$$

where  $z_1, \dots, z_m$  are roots of  $\sum_{i=1}^m z^i - \frac{\alpha_0}{1-\alpha_0} = 0$ , and constants  $A, B, C_1, \dots, C_m$  are determined by the equations:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} B + \sum_{i=1}^m C_i = 0 \\ A + \sum_{i=1}^m C_i(z_i - 1) = 0 \\ A + \sum_{i=1}^m C_i z_i(z_i - 1) = 0 \\ \quad \dots \\ A + \sum_{i=1}^m C_i z_i^{m-2}(z_i - 1) = 0 \\ A - \frac{B}{1-\alpha_0} + \sum_{i=1}^m C_i \left( \frac{-2\alpha_0}{(1-\alpha_0)z_i} + \frac{z_i^{m-1}-1}{z_i-1} \right) = 1 \\ A \frac{\alpha_0}{\alpha_0-1} + B \frac{\alpha_0}{1-\alpha_0} + \sum_{i=1}^m C_i \frac{\alpha_0}{(1-\alpha_0)z_i} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\phi(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{A(n+1)}{1-\alpha_0} + j_0 - \frac{B}{1-\alpha_0} - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{C_i}{1-\alpha_0} \frac{1}{z_i^{n+1}} \right) z^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} j_n z^n$$

Find  $j_0$  from condition  $j(b^*) = 0$ :

$$j_0 = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{C_i}{1-\alpha_0} \frac{1}{z_i^{b^*+1}} - \frac{A}{1-\alpha_0} (b^* + 1) + \frac{B}{1-\alpha_0}$$

Thus, for  $\alpha_0 \neq \frac{m}{m+1}$

$$j(n) = \frac{A}{1-\alpha_0} (n - b^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{C_i (1 - z_i^{b^*-n})}{(1-\alpha_0) z_i^{b^*+1}} \quad (9)$$

For  $\alpha_0 = \frac{m}{m+1}$  the same arguments:

**3. Let**  $\gamma + \beta > -\beta$ , i.e.  $\begin{cases} 0 < \alpha_0 < 0.5, \\ \alpha_0 < \alpha < 1 - \alpha_0. \end{cases}$

Change arguments  $\beta = -1, b^* = \frac{b}{-\beta}, z = \frac{\gamma+\beta}{-\beta}$ .

Then

$$j(s) = \begin{cases} 1 + \alpha_0 j(s+m) + (1 - \alpha_0) j(s-1)^+, & 0 \leq s < b^* \\ 0, & s \geq b^* \end{cases}$$

where  $m = [z] > 1$ .

For  $0 \leq s \leq b^*$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} j(0) & = 1 + \alpha_0 j(m) + (1 - \alpha_0)j(0) \\ j(1) & = 1 + \alpha_0 j(m+1) + (1 - \alpha_0)j(0) \\ j(2) & = 1 + \alpha_0 j(m+2) + (1 - \alpha_0)j(1) \\ \dots & & \\ j(b^* - m) & = 1 + \alpha_0 j(b^*) + (1 - \alpha_0)j(b^* - m - 1) \\ \dots & & \\ j(b^* - 1) & = 1 + \alpha_0 j(b^* - 1 + m) + (1 - \alpha_0)j(b^* - 2) \\ j(b^*) & = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Changing

$$j_n = J_n + \frac{n}{1-\alpha_0(m+1)} \text{ for } \alpha_0 \neq \frac{1}{m+1}$$

$$j_n = J_n - \frac{n^2}{m} \text{ for } \alpha_0 = \frac{1}{m+1}:$$

$$J_n = \alpha_0 J_{n+m} + (1 - \alpha_0) J_{n-1}$$

**Characteristic equation:**

$$\alpha_0 \lambda^{m+1} - \lambda + 1 - \alpha_0 = 0. \quad (9)$$

From Lemma changing  $\alpha_0 = 1 - \alpha'_0$  it follows that the (9) has no multiple roots if  $\alpha_0 \neq \frac{1}{m+1}$ . Then

$$j(n) = \frac{n}{1-\alpha_0(m+1)} + \sum_{i=0}^m C_i \lambda_i^n,$$

where  $\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_m$  are roots of (9) ( $\lambda_0 = 1$ ), and constants  $C_0, \dots, C_m$  are determined by equations:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=1}^m C_i(1 - z_i^m) = \frac{1}{\alpha_0} + \frac{m}{1-\alpha_0(m+1)} \\ \alpha_0 C_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m C_i(z_i^{b^*-1} - (1 - \alpha_0)z_i^{b^*-2}) = \frac{\alpha_0(b^*-1+m)}{\alpha_0-1+\alpha_0 m} \\ \dots \\ \alpha_0 C_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m C_i(z_i^{b^*-m} - (1 - \alpha_0)z_i^{b^*-m-1}) = \frac{\alpha_0 b^*}{\alpha_0-1+\alpha_0 m} \end{array} \right.$$

$j(0) = j_0(b, \alpha_0)$ .  $j_0(b, \alpha_0)$  is increasing in  $b$ .

So, minimum of  $AD = j_0(b)$  in condition that the false alarm is not large ( $ARL \geq a$ ) yields  $b = \min\{b : j_\infty(b) \geq a\}$ .

The mean delay is  $j_0(b)$ .

## Change of protocol

Attacker doesn't know  $\alpha_0$ .

Denote  $z_n$  are the jobs in the traffic,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let in regular traffic  $z_n$  are distributed with some CDF  $F_z$  with median  $m$ .

Introduce  $x_n$  taking 0, if  $z_n < m$ , and 1, if  $z_n \geq m$ .

Then for regular case the frequency of 0 and 1 are equal, so  $\alpha_0 = 0.5$ .

After intrusion  $\alpha$  is changing in respect of  $\alpha_0 = 0.5$ . If  $\alpha > 0.5$ , then number of 1 is larger than 0.

Change the FIFO protocol.

Collect the jobs in some buffer.

Generate random variable  $z$  with CDF  $F_z$  and choose the job in buffer which size is larger than  $z$  and lies closer to  $z$  than other jobs.

Numerical experiments for normal distribution: regular 1000 jobs and additional 10000 intrusions.

$\xi_0$	$\xi_1$	<b>M</b>	Rate of mistakes	Mean delay
$N(0.7, 0.1)$	$N(0.3, 0.1)$	1000	0.21	-0.04
$N(0.7, 0.1)$	$N(0.3, 0.1)$	2000	0.02	0.13
$N(0.7, 0.1)$	$N(0.3, 0.1)$	3000	0.004	0.15
$N(0.7, 0.1)$	$N(0.4, 0.1)$	1000	0.40	-0.04
$N(0.7, 0.1)$	$N(0.4, 0.1)$	2000	0.14	0.25
$N(0.7, 0.1)$	$N(0.4, 0.1)$	3000	0.057	0.39
$N(0.7, 0.25)$	$N(0.2, 0.25)$	1000	0.69	-0.04
$N(0.7, 0.25)$	$N(0.2, 0.25)$	2000	0.49	0.37
$N(0.7, 0.25)$	$N(0.2, 0.25)$	3000	0.35	0.71

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