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VorAIS: A MULTI-OBJECTIVE VORONOI DIAGRAM-BASED ARTIFICIAL IMMUNE SYSTEM

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Context

- Artificial Immune Systems have been derived from existing theories of the functioning of biological immune systems.
- They create a model that is able to discriminate between normal (self) and abnormal (non-self) objects.
- This feature makes AISs specially suited for dealing with problems related to anomaly and intrusion detection.

Voronoi diagram-based Artificial Immune System

VorAIS models the self/non-self using a Voronoi diagram that determines which areas of the problem domain correspond to self or to non-self.

- Various classification metrics, like accuracy, recall, and specificity, must be taken into account.
- Multi-objective approach based on non-dominated sorting of NSGA-II.
- We introduce a mating operator as part of the AIS.

VorAIS components

Mutation operator

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function mutate_voronoi( $\mathcal{I}$ ,  $p_s$ ,  $p_f$ ,  $p_t$ ,  $p_+$ ,  $p_-$ ,  $\eta$ )
    ▷  $\mathcal{I}$ , individual to be mutated.
    ▷  $p_s \in [0, 1]$ , prob. of mutating a site.
    ▷  $p_f \in [0, 1]$ , prob. of mutating a site's feature.
    ▷  $p_t \in [0, 1]$ , prob. of changing the label of a site.
    ▷  $p_+ \in [0, 1]$ , prob. of adding a new site.
    ▷  $p_- \in [0, 1]$ , prob. of removing a site.
    ▷  $\eta \in (0, \infty]$ , learning rate.
    for all  $S \in \mathcal{I}$  do
        if  $U[0, 1] < p_s$  then
            for all  $x \in S$  do
                if  $U[0, 1] < p_f$  then
                     $x \leftarrow \text{mutate\_log\_normal}(x, \eta)$ 
                if  $U[0, 1] < p_t$  then
                     $S.l \leftarrow \text{switch\_label}(S.l)$ 
            if  $U[0, 1] < p_+$  then
                 $\mathcal{I} \leftarrow \mathcal{I} \cup \{\text{random\_site}\}$ 
            if  $U[0, 1] < p_-$  then
                 $i \leftarrow U[1, |\mathcal{I}|]$ 
                 $\mathcal{I} \leftarrow \mathcal{I} \setminus \{i\}$ 
    return  $\mathcal{I}$ , mutated individual.
    
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VorAIS outline

- Create an initial random population $\mathcal{P}_0$ of n_{pop} individuals.
 - At iteration t , individuals in $\mathcal{P}_t$ are mated and mutated.
 - An offspring population, $\mathcal{P}_{\text{off}}$, with n_{off} individuals is created.
 - From $\mathcal{P}_t \cup \mathcal{P}_{\text{off}}$ the best n_{pop} individuals are selected using non-dominated sorting (with crowding distance).
- Hyperparameters tuned by grid search (see PPSN paper).

Preliminary study on test problems

- Influence of the mating operator (+m) and the use of the classification metrics (a, r and s, respectively), on two-dimensional problems.

Bergmann-Hommel tests grouped by problem and metric.

NSL KDD'99 anomaly detection problem

- Compare VorAIS with other AISs in a computer network anomaly detection benchmark problem.
- NSL-KDD'99 has 41 —38 numeric and 3 categorical— features and one class attribute describing the nature of the events.

Bergmann-Hommel tests.

	NSA_{sp}	NSA_{sp}^+	NSA_{re}	NSA_{re}^+	VorAIS
Accuracy					
NSA_{sp}	×	—	~	—	—
NSA_{sp}^+	+	×	+	—	—
NSA_{re}	~	—	×	—	—
NSA_{re}^+	+	+	+	×	—
VorAIS	+	+	+	+	×
Recall					
NSA_{sp}	×	+	—	+	~
NSA_{sp}^+	—	×	—	+	~
NSA_{re}	+	+	×	+	+
NSA_{re}^+	—	—	—	×	—
VorAIS	~	~	—	+	×
Specificity					
NSA_{sp}	×	+	—	+	—
NSA_{sp}^+	—	×	—	+	—
NSA_{re}	+	+	×	+	+
NSA_{re}^+	—	—	—	×	—
VorAIS	+	+	—	+	×

Final remarks

- We have obtained a performance comparable with the state of the art but adequate classification performance is not enough.
- It is necessary to create a compact representation of the 'normal' data.
- We developed custom objective functions that rely on volume-based approaches.

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