Composite Behavioral Modeling for Identity Theft Detection in Online Social Media Networks

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ABSTRACT

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I.INTRODUCTION

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II.EXISTING SYSTEM

Sitova *et al.* [53] introduced hand movement, orientation, and grasp (HMOG), a set of behavioral features to continuously authenticate smartphone users. Rajoub and Zwiggelaar [15] used thermal imaging to monitor the periorbital region's thermal variations and test whether it can offer a discriminative signature for detecting deception. However, these biometric technologies usually require expensive hardware devices which makes it inconvenient and difficult to popularize.

Abouelenien *et al.* [30] explored a multimodal deception detection approach that relied on a novel dataset of 149 multimodal recordings, and integrated multiple physiological, linguistic, and thermal features. These works indicated that users' behavior patterns can represent their identities. Many studies turn to utilize users' behavior patterns for identifications. Behavior-based methods were born at the right

moment, which plays important roles in a wide range of tasks including preventing and detecting identity theft. Typically, behavior-based user identification includes two phases: user profiling and user identifying.

User profiling is a process to characterize a user with his/her history behavioral data. Some works focus on statistical characteristics, such as the mean, variance, median, or frequency of a variable, to establish the user profile. Naini *et al.* [55] studied the task of identifying the users by matching the histograms of their data in the anonymous dataset with the histograms from the original dataset. But it mainly relied on experts' experience since different cases usually have different characteristics.

Egele *et al.* [7] proposed a behavior-based method to identify compromises of individual high-profile accounts. However, it required high-profile accounts which were difficult to obtain.

Other researchers discovered other features, such as tracing patterns, topic and spatial distributions, to describe user identity. Ruan *et al.* [32] conducted a study on online user behavior by collecting and analyzing user clickstreams of a well-known OSN. Lesaege *et al.* [31] developed a topic model extending the LDA to identify the active users. Viswanath *et al.* [56] presented a technique based on principal component analysis (PCA) that accurately modeled the "like" behavior of normal users in Facebook and identified significant deviations from it as anomalous behaviors. Zaeem *et al.* [33] proposed an approach that involved the novel collection of online news stories and reports on the topic of identity theft. Lichman and Smyth [48] proposed MKDE model to accurately characterize and predict the spatial pattern of an individual's events.

Tsikerdekis and Zeadally [57] presented a detection method based on nonverbal behavior for identity deception, which can be applied to many types of social media. These methods above mainly concentrated on a specific dimension of the composite

behavior and seldom thought about utilizing multidimensional behavior data. Sekara *et al.* [58] explored the complex interaction between social and geospatial behavior and demonstrated that social behavior can be predicted with high precision. It indicated that composite behavior features can identify one's

identity.

Yin *et al.* [42] proposed a probabilistic generative model combining the use of spatiotemporal data and semantic information to predict user's behavior. Nilizadeh *et al.* [49] presented POISED, a system that leverages the differences in propagation between benign and malicious messages on social networks to identify spam and other unwanted content. These studies implied that composite behavior features are possibly helpful for user identification.

Disadvantages

1) LDA model performs poorly in both datasets which may indicate its performance is strongly sensitive to the data quality.

2) CF-KDE and LDA model performs not well in Yelp dataset comparing to Foursquare dataset, but the fused model [17] observes a surprising reversion.

3) The joint model based on *relative anomalous score Sr* outperforms the model based on *logarithmic anomalous score Sl* .

4) The joint model (i.e., JOINT-SR, the joint model in the following content of the system all refer to the joint model based on *Sr*) is indeed superior to the fused model.

III.PROPOSED SYSTEM

In this article, we propose an approach to detect identity theft by using multidimensional behavioral records which are possibly insufficient in each dimension. According to such characteristics, we choose the online social network (OSN) as a typical scenario where most users' behaviors are coarsely recorded [39]. In the Internet era, users' behaviors are composited by offline behaviors, online behaviors, social behaviors, and perceptual/cognitive behaviors. The behavioral data can be collected in many applications, such as offline check-ins in location-based services (LBSs), online tips-posting in instant messaging services, and social relationship-making in online social services. Accordingly, we design our method based on users' composite

behaviors by these categories.In OSNs, user behavioral data that can be used for online identity theft detection are often too low-quality or restricted to build qualified behavioral models due to the difficulty of data collection, the requirement of user privacy, and the fact that some users have a few several behavioral records. We devote ourselves to proving that a high-quality (effective, quickresponse, and robust) behavioral model can be obtained by integrally using multidimensional behavioral data, even though the data is extremely insufficient in each dimension.

Advantages

1) We propose a joint model, CBM, to capture both online and offline features of a user's composite behavior to fully exploit coarse behavioral data.

2) We devise a relative anomalous score Sr to measure the occurrence rate of each composite behavior for realizing real-time identity theft detection.

3) We perform experiments on two real-world datasets to demonstrate the effectiveness of CBM. The results show that our model outperforms the existing models and has the
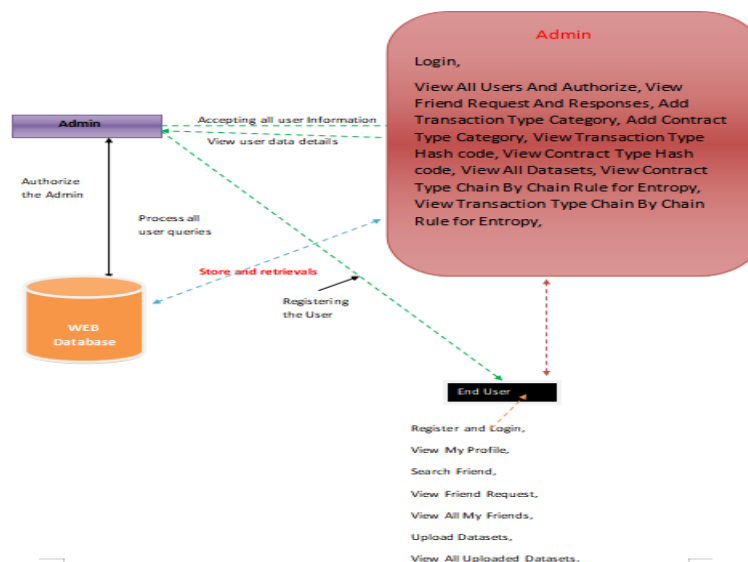
low response latency.

Fig:Architecture diagram

IV.MODULES

Admin

In this module, the Service Provider has to login by using valid user name and password. After login successful he can do some operations such as

Login, View All Users And Authorize, View Friend Request And Responses,

Add Transaction Type Category, Add Contract Type Category, View Transaction Type Hash code, View Contract Type Hash code, View All Datasets, View Contract Type Chain By Chain Rule for Entropy, View Transaction Type Chain By Chain Rule for Entropy, View Find Transaction Type, View Transaction Type Chain Size Results, View Contract Type Chain Size Results.

View and Authorize Users

In this module, the admin can view the list of users who all registered. In this, the admin can view the user's details such as, user name, email, address and admin authorizes the users.

End User

In this module, there are n numbers of users are present. User should register before doing any operations. Once user registers, their details will be stored to the database. After registration successful, he has to login by using authorized user name and password. Once Login is successful user will do some operations like Register and Login, View My Profile, Search Friend, View Friend Request, View All My Friends, Upload Datasets, View All Uploaded Datasets.

V.CONCLUSION

We investigate the feasibility of building a ladder from low-quality behavioral data to a high-performance behavioral model for user identification in OSNs. By deeply exploiting the complementary effect among OSN users' multidimensional behaviors, we propose a joint probabilistic generative model by integrating online and offline behaviors. When the designed joint model is applied to identity theft detection in OSNs, its comprehensive performance, in terms of the detection efficacy, response latency,

and robustness, is validated by extensive evaluations on real-life OSN datasets. Particularly, the joint model significantly outperforms the existing fused model.

Our behavior-based method mainly aims at detecting identity thieves after the access control of the account is broken. Then, it is easy and promising to incorporate our method into traditional methods to solve the identity theft problem better.

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