Attacking and Protecting Data Privacy in Edge–Cloud Collaborative Inference Systems

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Edge-Cloud Inference System Model:

a DNN is partitioned into two parts:

Where the edge device hosts first part of model as it collects inference data from environment and create an intermediate value which are sent to cloud. The cloud is the hosts second part of model as it receives the intermediate value from edge device and calculates the final output then finally return this output to edge device.

There are 3 factors to be considered to partition the DNN model, 3 of these should be balanced:

1. Latency (inference time/inference speed/transmission time)
2. Power (energy consumption of edge device)
3. Memory Size

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With these factors, DNN partitioning can become an optimization problem.

Edge–cloud system can achieve lower latency and energy than a cloud-only or an edge-only system: by offloading some DNN layers to the cloud, the processing time and energy consumed on the device is less than the edge-only system.

In real-world scenarios, due to power and resource limitations, edge devices typically only compute a few convolutional layers for feature extraction. Most layers, including all fully connected layers, are usually offloaded to the cloud. This practice potentially provides an opportunity for untrustworthy cloud providers to illicitly access sensitive inference input.

Threat model:

Experimental Configurations:

Attack method:

1. White-Box Attack

Propose using regularized maximum likelihood estimation

(rMLE) to recover the samples from the model parameters

and intermediate value

1. Black-Box Attack

propose the inverse-network attack to identify the reverse

mapping from the intermediate outputs to inputs without the

knowledge of model information

1. Query-Free Attacks

consider the most limited adversarial capability where the cloud has no knowledge of the target model and is not allowed to query the model. Conducting privacy attacks under this setting is extremely difficult, and this threat model is rarely considered in past work. For these query-free attacks, we introduce a new method of shadow model reconstruction to achieve this attack.

Defense solution:

1. Obfuscation with random noise (Gaussian noise to defend against a white-box, Laplacian noise to defend against a white-box)
2. Dropout Defense

by deactivating random neurons during the inference, the adversary is not able to precisely generate the original images from the intermediate values

1. Privacy-Aware DNN Partitioning

evaluate different factors that can affect the attack results and propose some guidelines to partition the DL models for better privacy