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First we are going to preprocess the data then create the model:

1 Step 0: Import Dataset

I will use the Sales_ethereum.csv dataset, which contains on-chain data related to sales in Decentraland.

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
     import numpy as np
     sales_ethereum = pd.read_csv("../dataset/IITP-VDLand/Sales_ethereum.csv")
     sales_ethereum.head()
[1]:
                                      from_address
     0 0x13936d1369dda5bd295d24bb69dae4e3c6586312
     1 0xa761f6559abe480bdc37944ae822a527c55f4d18
     2 0xdfe9e4170953bd73be4a68411aa4707850f16ce3
     3 0x3af9944b104dd9abce2cb4239d6f93a7d38187ea
     4 0xa01424b7540adbb792375dcf97b733a5d68ad347
                                        to_address
     0 0x8059cec671f5ced8ee8668b34d4625f62229cc98
     1 0x51bb8c0cac58e4e2a68a709e2f04b6f515880c33
     2 0x91409e181a8b1cf04535ed057eba13b12161927c
     3 0x5ce213893956bbf4249a7f8a079331280065eec6
     4 0x0903ba1e13c598646e0438e55c9914490231adb5
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                23479483317544753978972847912792006590430
     3 1157920892373161954235709850086879078294502189...
     4 1157920892373161954235709850086879078311516308...
                                         transaction_hash log_index \
     0 0xc573da5559467bd2b392afa03dc9589f3ed34a19f8e6...
                                                             211.0
     1 0x144a131017c8c98977aaad20a7ef00993006222e362f...
                                                             274.0
     2 0xf9951ad1aae60c58b7dba048744e59c99f66e782f02c...
                                                              48.0
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3 0xfce5c9613cab7cb4c16c3461f7d6fc45790f205035ae...

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block_timestamp
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 2023-06-23 06:53:59 UTC
                                 17540621
1 2021-03-09 22:54:28 UTC
                                 12007120
2 2018-12-06 05:41:42 UTC
                                  6834871
3 2021-08-23 01:59:38 UTC
                                 13078782
4 2022-05-09 14:24:25 UTC
                                 14742910
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0 0x0661dd90a8ae56440c8ca46a039e932c9c0d3e4d3ffa...
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1 0x31884e38b15d764dfff49d1af56532d1353696fd0e04...
                                                        127
2 0x7145ee877c241b0c1216e95390d1fe1f717aeaa2ae62...
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3 0xfc28430969a25f1c1b2ec708a514c2e3b7da66caa6f9...
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4 0x7cc42d968840beaad8914b94b123bf6c725f96949131...
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2 0xae7b0333000000000000000000000000f87e31492faf...
3 0xab834bab0000000000000000000000007be8076f4ea4...
4 0xae7b033300000000000000000000000187e31492faf...
  receipt_cumulative_gas_used receipt_gas_used max_fee_per_gas
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          Method
  Execute Order
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40.0

4 0x8fdfa33cb79a44d6789562b16294e0cc2e74f27b4bc0...

1 Execute Order

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2 Execute Order
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- 3 Atomic Match_
- 4 Execute Order

[5 rows x 23 columns]

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[2]: # Hyper parameters that effect the results and can be used for tuning the models

NUMBER_OF_WALKS = 10

WALK_LENGHT = 80

RANDOM_WALK_P = 1

RANDOM_WALK_Q = 0.8

PRICE_TIMESTAMP_ALPHA = 0.7

# Labeling parameters for the second approach

LABELING_HIGH_VALUE_TRANSACTION_THRESHOLD = 1 * (10**18) # 1 ETH

LABELING_FREQUENT_TRANSACTIONS_THRESHOLD = 100 # Frequent transactions__

* threshold

LABELING_PERCENTILE_GAS_PRICE = 99 # Percentile for gas price anomalies
```

2 Step 1: Filtering and Normalizing

Filtering the columns we need, converting them to the required format and normalizing them.

```
[3]: sales_ethereum_filtered =__
      ⇒sales_ethereum[["from_address","to_address","block_timestamp","gas_price","value_in_wei"]]
    sales_ethereum_filtered.head()
[3]:
                                     from_address
    0 0x13936d1369dda5bd295d24bb69dae4e3c6586312
    1 0xa761f6559abe480bdc37944ae822a527c55f4d18
    2 0xdfe9e4170953bd73be4a68411aa4707850f16ce3
    3 0x3af9944b104dd9abce2cb4239d6f93a7d38187ea
    4 0xa01424b7540adbb792375dcf97b733a5d68ad347
                                       to_address
                                                           block_timestamp \
    0 0x8059cec671f5ced8ee8668b34d4625f62229cc98
                                                   2023-06-23 06:53:59 UTC
    1 0x51bb8c0cac58e4e2a68a709e2f04b6f515880c33 2021-03-09 22:54:28 UTC
    2 0x91409e181a8b1cf04535ed057eba13b12161927c 2018-12-06 05:41:42 UTC
    3 0x5ce213893956bbf4249a7f8a079331280065eec6 2021-08-23 01:59:38 UTC
    4 0x0903ba1e13c598646e0438e55c9914490231adb5 2022-05-09 14:24:25 UTC
           gas_price value_in_wei
    0
        11876376480
    1
      100000000000
                                0
    2
         7000000000
                               0
    3
        36008677880
                                0
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[4]: from datetime import datetime, timezone
     # Function to safely convert timestamps and handle invalid formats
     def safe_convert_timestamp(timestamp_str):
        try:
             # Attempt conversion using the desired format
             return datetime.strptime(timestamp_str, "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S %Z").
      →replace(tzinfo=timezone.utc).timestamp()
         except ValueError:
             try:
                 # Handle cases where timezone info is missing
                 return datetime.strptime(timestamp_str, "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S").
      →replace(tzinfo=timezone.utc).timestamp()
             except ValueError:
                 # Return None for invalid formats
                 return None
     # Apply the conversion function to create a new column
     sales_ethereum_filtered['converted_timestamp'] =__
      sales_ethereum_filtered['block_timestamp'].map(safe_convert_timestamp)
     # Filter out rows with invalid timestamps (None)
     sales ethereum filtered =
      sales_ethereum_filtered[sales_ethereum_filtered['converted_timestamp'].
      →notnull()]
     # View the results
     sales_ethereum_filtered.head()
    /var/folders/kg/hbb2bcm97yv0w0ynbzkqg49w0000gp/T/ipykernel_84787/1165381913.py:1
    7: SettingWithCopyWarning:
    A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
    Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead
    See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-
    docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
      sales ethereum filtered['converted timestamp'] =
    sales_ethereum_filtered['block_timestamp'].map(safe_convert_timestamp)
[4]:
                                      from_address \
     0 0x13936d1369dda5bd295d24bb69dae4e3c6586312
     1 0xa761f6559abe480bdc37944ae822a527c55f4d18
     2 0xdfe9e4170953bd73be4a68411aa4707850f16ce3
     3 0x3af9944b104dd9abce2cb4239d6f93a7d38187ea
     4 0xa01424b7540adbb792375dcf97b733a5d68ad347
                                        to address
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    1 0x51bb8c0cac58e4e2a68a709e2f04b6f515880c33
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    2 0x91409e181a8b1cf04535ed057eba13b12161927c
                                                    2018-12-06 05:41:42 UTC
    3 0x5ce213893956bbf4249a7f8a079331280065eec6
                                                    2021-08-23 01:59:38 UTC
    4 0x0903ba1e13c598646e0438e55c9914490231adb5
                                                   2022-05-09 14:24:25 UTC
           gas_price value_in_wei converted_timestamp
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                                          1.629684e+09
                               0
        47022665000
                               0
                                          1.652106e+09
[5]: from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
     # Normalize timestamps using MinMaxScaler
    scaler = MinMaxScaler()
    sales_ethereum_filtered['block_timestamp_normalized'] = scaler.
      Git_transform(sales_ethereum_filtered[['converted_timestamp']])
    sales_ethereum_filtered.head()
[5]:
                                     from_address \
    0 0x13936d1369dda5bd295d24bb69dae4e3c6586312
    1 0xa761f6559abe480bdc37944ae822a527c55f4d18
    2 0xdfe9e4170953bd73be4a68411aa4707850f16ce3
    3 0x3af9944b104dd9abce2cb4239d6f93a7d38187ea
    4 0xa01424b7540adbb792375dcf97b733a5d68ad347
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                                        to address
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                                                    2018-12-06 05:41:42 UTC
    3 0x5ce213893956bbf4249a7f8a079331280065eec6
                                                    2021-08-23 01:59:38 UTC
    4 0x0903ba1e13c598646e0438e55c9914490231adb5 2022-05-09 14:24:25 UTC
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                                                                          0.609636
        47022665000
                                          1.652106e+09
                                                                          0.735963
[6]: # Normalize gas_price using MinMaxScaler
    sales_ethereum_filtered['gas_price_normalized'] = scaler.
      fit_transform(sales_ethereum_filtered[['gas_price']])
    sales ethereum filtered.head()
```

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[6]:
                                      from_address
        0x13936d1369dda5bd295d24bb69dae4e3c6586312
     1 0xa761f6559abe480bdc37944ae822a527c55f4d18
     2 0xdfe9e4170953bd73be4a68411aa4707850f16ce3
     3 0x3af9944b104dd9abce2cb4239d6f93a7d38187ea
     4 0xa01424b7540adbb792375dcf97b733a5d68ad347
                                        to_address
                                                             block_timestamp
     0 0x8059cec671f5ced8ee8668b34d4625f62229cc98
                                                    2023-06-23 06:53:59 UTC
     1 0x51bb8c0cac58e4e2a68a709e2f04b6f515880c33
                                                     2021-03-09 22:54:28 UTC
     2 0x91409e181a8b1cf04535ed057eba13b12161927c
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     4 0x0903ba1e13c598646e0438e55c9914490231adb5
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        gas_price_normalized
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     1
                    0.016601
     2
                    0.001100
     3
                    0.005935
                    0.007771
```

3 Step 2: Create Edge Weights

Create a new column for edge weights using a weighted combination of gas_price_normalized and block_timestamp_normalized:

4 Step 3: Graph Construction

Construct a directed, weighted graph:

```
[8]: import networkx as nx

# Initialize a directed graph
G = nx.DiGraph()

# Add edges from the DataFrame
for _, row in sales_ethereum_filtered.iterrows():
    G.add_edge(row['from_address'], row['to_address'],
    weight=row['edge_weight'])
```

5 Step 4: GTN2vec Algorithm

To implement the GTN2vec algorithm, we will perform biased random walks on the graph and generate node sequences.

5.1 1. Define Transition Probabilities

Calculate transition probabilities for the random walk. This involves using the p (return parameter), q (exploration parameter), and edge weights.

```
[9]: def calculate_transition_probability(G, p, q, alpha):
         transition_probs = {}
         for node in G.nodes():
             transition_probs[node] = {}
             neighbors = list(G.neighbors(node))
             for neighbor in neighbors:
                 weights = []
                 for target in G.neighbors(neighbor):
                     weight = G[neighbor][target]['weight']
                     d = 0 if target == node else (1 if target in neighbors else 2)
                     weights.append(weight * (1/p if d == 0 else (1 if d == 1 else 1/
      →q)))
                 weights = np.array(weights) / np.sum(weights)
                 transition_probs[node][neighbor] = weights
         return transition_probs
     # Parameters for random walk
     p = RANDOM_WALK_P # Return parameter
     q = RANDOM_WALK_Q # Exploration parameter
     transition_probs = calculate_transition_probability(G, p, q, alpha)
```

5.2 2. Perform Biased Random Walk

Simulate random walks on the graph using the transition probabilities.

```
[10]: import random
```

```
def random_walk(G, start_node, walk_length, transition_probs):
    walk = [start_node]
    while len(walk) < walk_length:</pre>
        cur_node = walk[-1]
        neighbors = list(G.neighbors(cur_node))
        if not neighbors:
            break
        if len(walk) == 1: # First step
            next_node = random.choice(neighbors)
        else:
            prev_node = walk[-2]
            prob_distribution = transition_probs[prev_node][cur_node]
            next_node = random.choices(neighbors, weights=prob_distribution,__
 \rightarrowk=1)[0]
        walk.append(next_node)
    return walk
# Example: Perform a random walk
start_node = list(G.nodes())[0]
walk_length = 10
sample_walk = random_walk(G, start_node, walk_length, transition_probs)
print("Sample walk:", sample_walk)
```

Sample walk: ['0x13936d1369dda5bd295d24bb69dae4e3c6586312', '0x13ad7f423e41e097e335dbe59831cadf4ee89d00']

5.3 3. Generate Walks for All Nodes

Generating multiple random walks for each node.

```
[11]: def generate_walks(G, num_walks, walk_length, transition_probs):
    walks = []
    for _ in range(num_walks):
        for node in G.nodes():
            walk = random_walk(G, node, walk_length, transition_probs)
            walks.append(walk)
    return walks

# Parameters for walks
num_walks = NUMBER_OF_WALKS # Number of walks per node
walk_length = WALK_LENGHT # Length of each walk

# Generate walks
walks = generate_walks(G, num_walks, walk_length, transition_probs)
print("Generated walks:", walks[:5]) # Print first 5 walks
```

Generated walks: [['0x13936d1369dda5bd295d24bb69dae4e3c6586312', '0x98bd1df01f09efc5352596868fc7f11f8479b39e'],

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['0x8059cec671f5ced8ee8668b34d4625f6229cc98'],

['0xa761f6559abe480bdc37944ae822a527c55f4d18',

'0x24112123ab693e23e6e84b6c85f6ccb71cb9ee34'],

['0x51bb8c0cac58e4e2a68a709e2f04b6f515880c33',

'0xb614ac52a31a85ae19041f18163a5f170e81d29b'],

['0xdfe9e4170953bd73be4a68411aa4707850f16ce3',

'0x445e7168ad0c04f3f29c4d2b12eb368977dcd7fe',

'0x91fb49ec7c1ee4d8b36b4f8476bf4875fdfd4842']]
```

5.4 4. Convert Walks to Node Embeddings

Using the Skip-gram model (via gensim) to learn embeddings from the random walks.

0.07062542 0.4525445 0.3203488 0.26379198 0.01544034 0.03147601 -0.19577052 0.32962218 0.18882588 0.7314794 0.16351463 0.07365938 -0.44876233 0.02138613 0.12220076 0.07029886 -0.22257218 -0.17781755 $-0.04215542 \quad 0.31753966 \quad 0.18050894 \quad -0.1758019 \quad -0.03484984 \quad 0.37013954$ -0.27414802 0.33627108 0.48923284 0.14405817 0.08571429 0.10955022-0.02584205 0.04453224 0.06459713 0.16137491 0.44435440.5310737 -0.04290006 0.16199529 0.473405 -0.00559132 -0.01784155 -0.2007971 -0.0086441 -0.07531142 0.16095975 -0.2915181 0.47845307 -0.3734404 -0.01698493 0.03431807 -0.06701896 -0.17729607 0.18288375 -0.48835927-0.51934344 -0.06566796 -0.17532009 0.2074832 -0.23303318 -0.16421239-0.4938921 0.26773912 -0.00976925 -0.46873903 -0.0361016 0.5445159 0.04511902 0.10921707 0.46831945 -0.43798718 0.39787146 0.35628864 -0.3262902 -0.5638387 -0.21186113 0.04989206 -0.08968571 0.12119155-0.32513812 0.00780423 -0.10167645 -0.42564982 -0.31512803 -0.322366950.15975128 -0.07868502 0.20248467 0.08010221 0.15002939 -0.40736225 0.05314244 0.13564925 0.3390651 -0.12095718 0.15960476 -0.20552821 0.02144698 0.03216663 0.08064941 0.10538011 0.33677378 0.09719764 -0.29777512 -0.19746742 -0.0402554 0.52600145 -0.37911415 -0.4697171-0.31604838 0.22111891]

6 Step 5: Training the Model

To train a supervised classifier, we need labeled data, meainign that we need to have a column called is_money_launderer in the original dataset (1 for dodgy nodes, 0 for normal nodes).

6.1 5.1 Approach One: Merge With Labeled Sources (failed)

As an initial approach to labeling the data, I explored Ethereum-labeled transaction datasets. Using Kaggle as a source, I identified two datasets and merged the flagged accounts from both:

```
[13]: # Source 1:
      # https://www.kaqqle.com/datasets/hamishhall/labelled-ethereum-addresses?
       ⇔resource=download
      labeled_addresses = pd.read_csv(".../dataset/kaggle_labeled_addresses/

→eth_addresses.csv")[["Address", "Account Type", "Label"]]
      is_dodgy = labeled_addresses[labeled_addresses['Label'] == 'Dodgy']['Address']
      is_dodgy
[13]: 2153
               0xf2effc1cd320ff062bae8649d150dbea3cb6b189
      2505
               0x0f598112679b78e17a4a9febc83703710d33489c
      2560
               0x226c98fba127213154a121e9ebcfe73236e6f0dd
      2608
               0xf31b4f7550833a746f788b36f2b292e5fa49a248
      2845
               0x870cbbd204d5e2317c60374888e4b6be3bfa092b
      19132
               0xef5da7752c084df1cc719c64bbe06fa98b2c554c
      19133
               0xefa1994328e59f8e24d85458810d67a27289679a
      19134
               0xf6c68965cdc903164284b482ef5dfdb640d9e0de
      19135
               0xf6e51ae30705cd7248d4d9ac602cb58cc4b61a52
               0xfd2b3eb22bac1634f8b554a6d67fd11849dc3a0f
      19137
      Name: Address, Length: 5212, dtype: object
[14]: # source 2:
      # https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/vagifa/ethereum-frauddetection-dataset
      labeled_addresses2 = pd.read_csv("../dataset/kaggle_labeled_addresses/

→transaction_dataset.csv")[["Address","FLAG"]]
      is_dodgy2 = labeled_addresses2[labeled_addresses2['FLAG'] != 0]['Address']
      is_dodgy2
[14]: 7662
              0x0020731604c882cf7bf8c444be97d17b19ea4316
      7663
              0x002bf459dc58584d58886169ea0e80f3ca95ffaf
      7664
              0x002f0c8119c16d310342d869ca8bf6ace34d9c39
      7665
              0x0059b14e35dab1b4eee1e2926c7a5660da66f747
      7666
              0x005b9f4516f8e640bbe48136901738b323c53b00
      9836
              0xff481ca14e6c16b79fc8ab299b4d2387ec8ecdd2
      9837
              0xff718805bb9199ebf024ab6acd333e603ad77c85
      9838
              0xff8e6af02d41a576a0c82f7835535193e1a6bccc
      9839
              0xffde23396d57e10abf58bd929bb1e856c7718218
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9840
              0xd624d046edbdef805c5e4140dce5fb5ec1b39a3c
      Name: Address, Length: 2179, dtype: object
[15]: # Combine the lists into a single DataFrame or Series
      all_dodgy_addresses = pd.concat([is_dodgy, is_dodgy2])
      # Remove duplicates to create a list of unique addresses
      is_money_launderer = all_dodgy_addresses.drop_duplicates().
       →reset_index(drop=True)
      # Display the result
      print(f"Total unique dodgy addresses: {len(is_money_launderer)}")
      is_money_launderer.head()
     Total unique dodgy addresses: 5390
[15]: 0
           0xf2effc1cd320ff062bae8649d150dbea3cb6b189
           0x0f598112679b78e17a4a9febc83703710d33489c
           0x226c98fba127213154a121e9ebcfe73236e6f0dd
      3
           0xf31b4f7550833a746f788b36f2b292e5fa49a248
           0x870cbbd204d5e2317c60374888e4b6be3bfa092b
      Name: Address, dtype: object
[16]: # Combine from_address and to_address into a unique set
      sales addresses = set(sales ethereum filtered['from address']).union(
          set(sales_ethereum_filtered['to_address'])
      )
      # Convert is money launderer to a set
      dodgy_addresses_set = set(is_money_launderer)
      # Find overlapping addresses
      overlapping addresses = dodgy_addresses_set.intersection(sales_addresses)
      # Print the results
      print(f"Number of overlapping addresses: {len(overlapping addresses)}")
```

```
Number of overlapping addresses: 0 Sample overlapping addresses: []
```

As shown above, I formed a list of 5,390 unique suspicious wallets/contracts. However, there is no overlap between the IITP-VDLand dataset and these addresses.

6.2 5.2 Approach two: Heuristic-Based Labeling (Preliminary Results)

print("Sample overlapping addresses:", list(overlapping_addresses)[:5])

Using heuristics to label accounts. For instance we used: - High-value transactions: Addresses with unusually high value in wei could be flagged as potentially suspicious. - Frequent transactions:

Addresses with excessive transactions in a short period could be flagged. - Gas price anomalies: Transactions with unusually high gas prices might be laundering attempts.

6.2.1 Step 1: Define Thresholds for Heuristics

Set thresholds for labeling based on your specified criteria:

- 1. High-Value Transactions:
 - Flag transactions with value_in_wei above a threshold (e.g., 10^18 wei, equivalent to 1 ETH).
- 2. Frequent Transactions:
 - Count transactions for each address within a specified timeframe (e.g., a day). Flag addresses with excessive transactions.
- 3. Gas Price Anomalies:
 - Flag transactions with gas_price above a threshold (e.g., an unusually high percentile like the 99th percentile).

6.2.2 Step 2: Apply Heuristics to Label Data

I adjusted high_value_threshold, transaction_count_threshold, gas_price_percentile in a way to make the number of 1 and 0 reasonable.

```
[17]: # Step 1: Convert columns to numeric and handle invalid values
      sales ethereum filtered['value in wei'] = pd.
       sto_numeric(sales_ethereum_filtered['value_in_wei'], errors='coerce')
      sales_ethereum_filtered['gas_price'] = pd.
       sto_numeric(sales_ethereum_filtered['gas_price'], errors='coerce')
      # Drop rows with missing values in critical columns
      sales ethereum filtered = sales ethereum filtered.

dropna(subset=['value_in_wei', 'gas_price'])
      # Step 2: Define thresholds for heuristics
      high_value_threshold = LABELING_HIGH_VALUE_TRANSACTION_THRESHOLD
      transaction_count_threshold = LABELING_FREQUENT_TRANSACTIONS_THRESHOLD
      gas_price_percentile = LABELING_PERCENTILE_GAS_PRICE
      # Step 3: Apply heuristics
      # High-value transactions
      sales_ethereum_filtered['high_value_flag'] =__
       ⇒sales_ethereum_filtered['value_in_wei'] > high_value_threshold
      # Frequent transactions
      # Count the number of transactions for each 'from_address'
      transaction_counts = sales ethereum_filtered['from_address'].value_counts()
      frequent_addresses = transaction_counts[transaction_counts >__
       →transaction_count_threshold].index
```

```
sales_ethereum_filtered['frequent_flag'] =__
 sales_ethereum_filtered['from_address'].isin(frequent_addresses)
# Gas price anomalies
gas_price_threshold = sales_ethereum_filtered['gas_price'].
  ⇒quantile(gas price percentile / 100)
sales_ethereum_filtered['gas_price_flag'] =__
  sales_ethereum_filtered['gas_price'] > gas_price_threshold
# Step 4: Combine all flags into a single label
sales_ethereum_filtered['label'] = (
    sales ethereum filtered['high value flag'] |
    sales_ethereum_filtered['frequent_flag'] |
    sales_ethereum_filtered['gas_price_flag']
).astype(int)
# Step 5: Verify the labeled data
print(sales ethereum filtered[['from_address', 'to_address', 'label']].head())
# Step 6: Check label distribution
label_distribution = sales_ethereum_filtered['label'].value_counts()
print("Label distribution:")
print(label distribution)
                                 from_address \
0 0x13936d1369dda5bd295d24bb69dae4e3c6586312
1 0xa761f6559abe480bdc37944ae822a527c55f4d18
2 0xdfe9e4170953bd73be4a68411aa4707850f16ce3
3 0x3af9944b104dd9abce2cb4239d6f93a7d38187ea
4 0xa01424b7540adbb792375dcf97b733a5d68ad347
                                   to_address label
0 0x8059cec671f5ced8ee8668b34d4625f62229cc98
                                                   0
1 0x51bb8c0cac58e4e2a68a709e2f04b6f515880c33
                                                   0
2 0x91409e181a8b1cf04535ed057eba13b12161927c
                                                   0
3 0x5ce213893956bbf4249a7f8a079331280065eec6
                                                   0
4 0x0903ba1e13c598646e0438e55c9914490231adb5
Label distribution:
label
0
     10057
1
     10035
```

There are various approaches to setting a node's flag. For example, a transaction flagged as suspicious could result in flagging the node associated with the from_address or to_address. Alternatively, other methods, such as calculating an average of flags of transactions, could be used.

Name: count, dtype: int64

Node flags distribution: label 1 4984 0 4925 Name: count, dtype: int64

6.2.3 Step 3: Training

The labeling looks reasonable, so we can proceed to train a classifier with the labeled data. First we merge the embeddings with the labels:

```
[19]: # Convert embeddings to a DataFrame
embeddings_df = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(node_embeddings, orient='index')
embeddings_df.index.name = 'node'
embeddings_df.reset_index(inplace=True)

# Load node labels and merge with embeddings
labeled_data = pd.merge(embeddings_df, node_flags, on='node', how='inner')

# Separate features and labels
X = labeled_data.drop(columns=['node', 'label']) # Features
y = labeled_data['label'] # Labels
```

```
print("Testing set size:", X_test.shape)
     Training set size: (7927, 128)
     Testing set size: (1982, 128)
[21]: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
      # Initialize Random Forest
      rf_classifier = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100, random_state=38)
      # Train the classifier
      rf_classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)
[21]: RandomForestClassifier(random_state=38)
[22]: from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score,
       ⇒f1_score, classification_report
      # Make predictions
      y_pred = rf_classifier.predict(X_test)
      # Evaluate performance
      accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
      precision = precision_score(y_test, y_pred)
      recall = recall_score(y_test, y_pred)
      f1 = f1_score(y_test, y_pred)
      print("Accuracy:", accuracy)
      print("Precision:", precision)
      print("Recall:", recall)
      print("F1-Score:", f1)
      print("\nClassification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
     Accuracy: 0.6508577194752775
     Precision: 0.6839677047289504
     Recall: 0.5865479723046488
     F1-Score: 0.6315228966986155
     Classification Report:
                    precision
                                 recall f1-score
                                                     support
                        0.63
                                  0.72
                                            0.67
                                                        971
                0
                        0.68
                                  0.59
                1
                                            0.63
                                                       1011
                                            0.65
                                                       1982
         accuracy
```

0.65

0.65

1982

1982

0.65

0.66

macro avg
weighted avg

0.65

0.65

6.2.4 Step 4: Analysis of Results

The results suggest that the model has a moderate ability to classify both dodgy and non-dodgy nodes. While it shows some capacity to identify dodgy nodes, there is still noticeable room for improvement in both precision and recall. The model's performance indicates that it struggles to consistently balance identifying dodgy nodes and minimizing false positives, leading to average results overall. Further refinement is needed to enhance its reliability and effectiveness for this classification task.

```
[23]: import joblib as jl

# Save the model
jl.dump(rf_classifier, 'random_forest_model.joblib')

# Load the model later
# rf_classifier_loaded = jl.load('random_forest_model.joblib')
```

[23]: ['random_forest_model.joblib']

6.3 5.3 Approach Three: Unsupervised Learning (Insufficient Results)

If we accept that dataset is not labeled, we can proceed with unsupervised clustering using the node embeddings generated from GTN2vec. The steps will involve clustering the embeddings to identify groups of nodes (e.g., potentially suspicious nodes).

```
[24]: # Convert embeddings to a matrix
embedding_matrix = np.array([node_embeddings[node] for node in G.nodes()])
node_list = list(G.nodes()) # Keep track of nodes' order
```

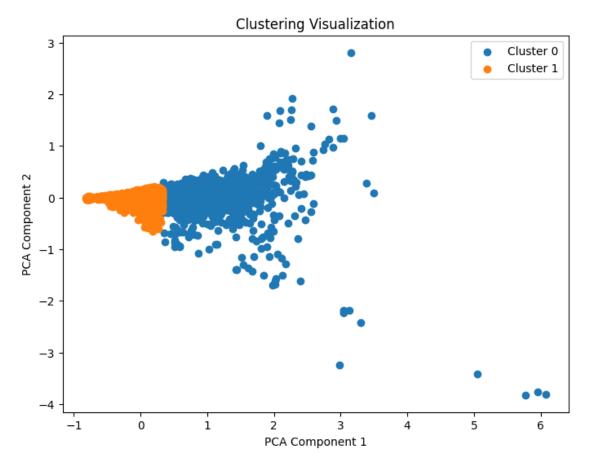
```
[25]: from sklearn.cluster import KMeans

# Set number of clusters (e.g., 2 for suspicious vs. normal)
n_clusters = 2
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=n_clusters, random_state=42)
clusters = kmeans.fit_predict(embedding_matrix)

# Map nodes to clusters
node_cluster_map = {node: cluster for node, cluster in zip(node_list, clusters)}
```

```
[26]: from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Reduce dimensions to 2D for visualization
pca = PCA(n_components=2)
reduced_embeddings = pca.fit_transform(embedding_matrix)
```



```
[27]: from sklearn.metrics import silhouette_score
silhouette = silhouette_score(embedding_matrix, clusters)
print("Silhouette Score:", silhouette)
```

Silhouette Score: 0.5829441

```
[28]: cluster_sizes = pd.Series(clusters).value_counts()
print("Cluster sizes:", cluster_sizes)
```

Cluster sizes: 1 7866

0 2043

Name: count, dtype: int64

The results are inadequate, and no clear pattern emerges from this method. Further investigation is needed, as the unsupervised approach appears to be less effective due to the lack of distinct clusters in the outcomes.