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Seedless & Seed-based Deanonymization

Membership Inference Attack on DisTilBert Model

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Section 1

Individual Project

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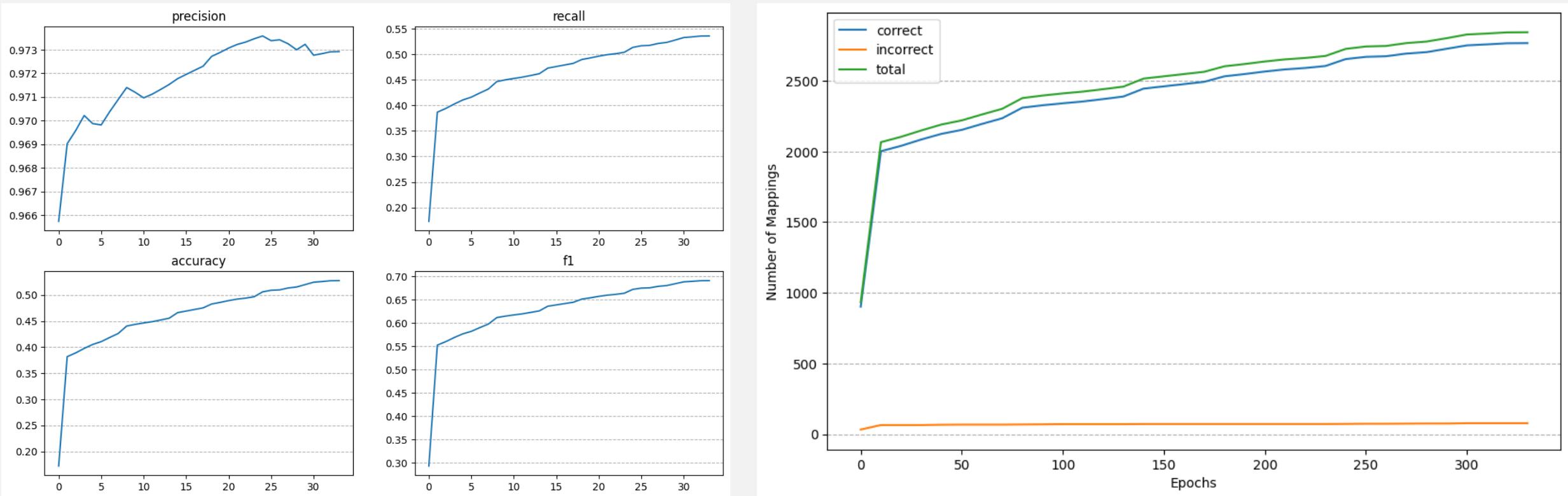
Seed-based Deanonymization



- Multi-hop neighborhood
 - Distance-based Weighting for hop importance
- Threshold Scheduling
- Quantile-based Thresholding
- Sparse Matrix computation
- Repeated Training (dropped)
- GPU-based Training
- Ablation
 - Network Hops
 - Eccentricity threshold
 - Quantile-based threshold

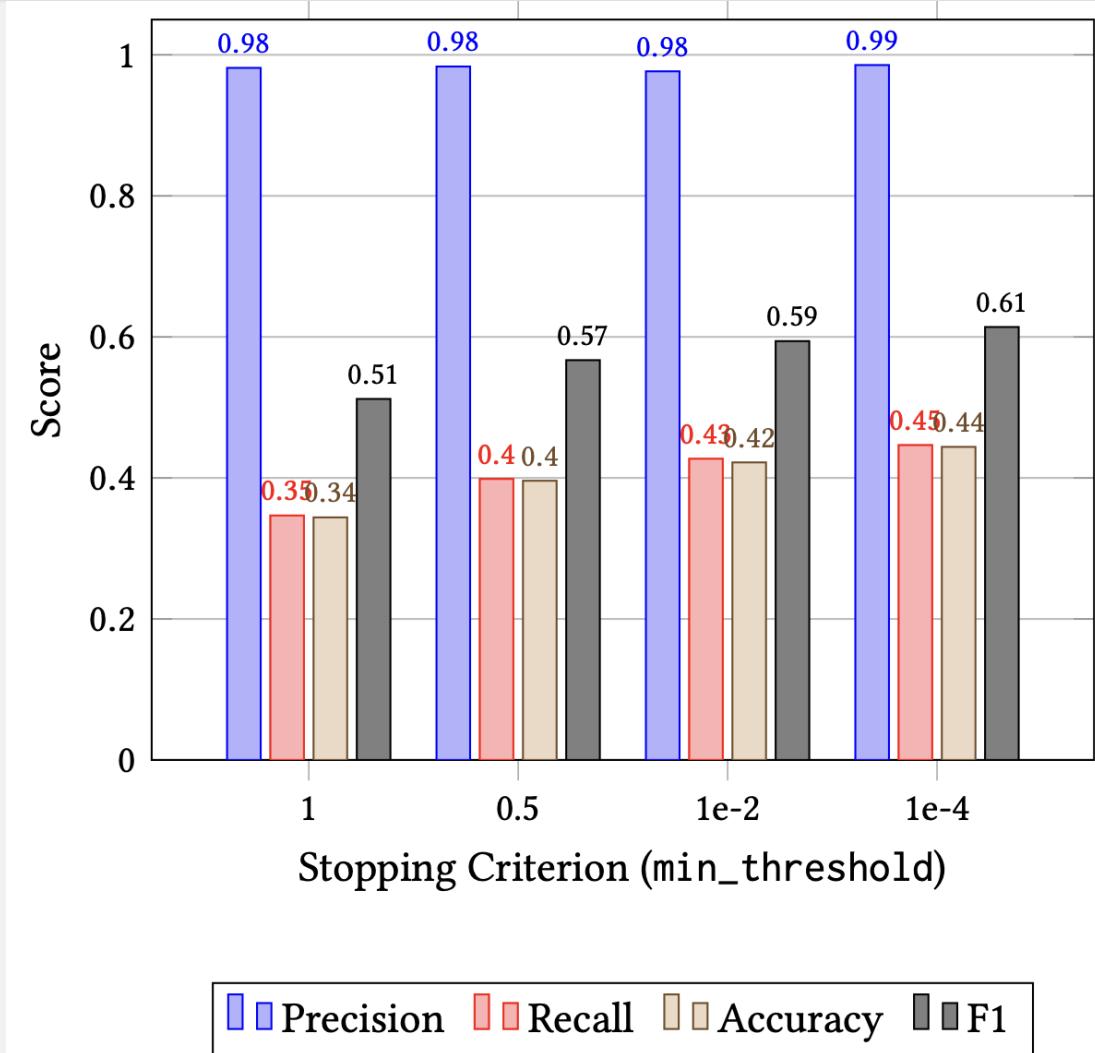
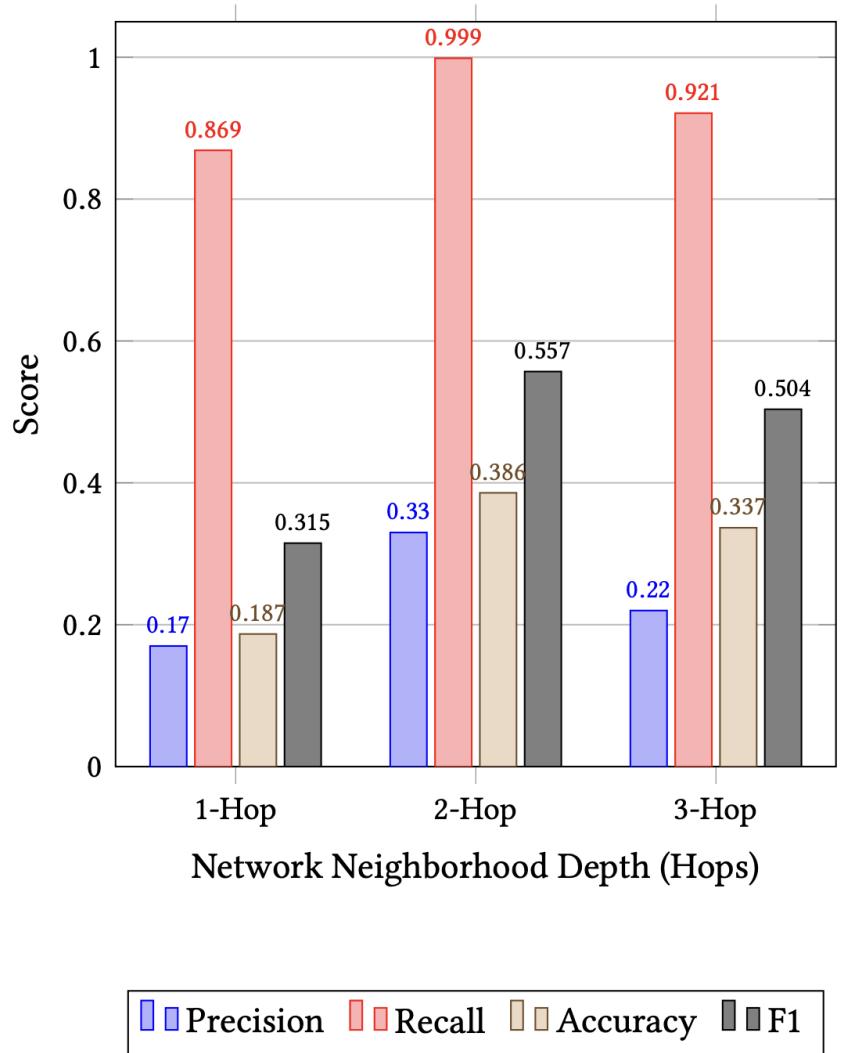
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Results on Validation



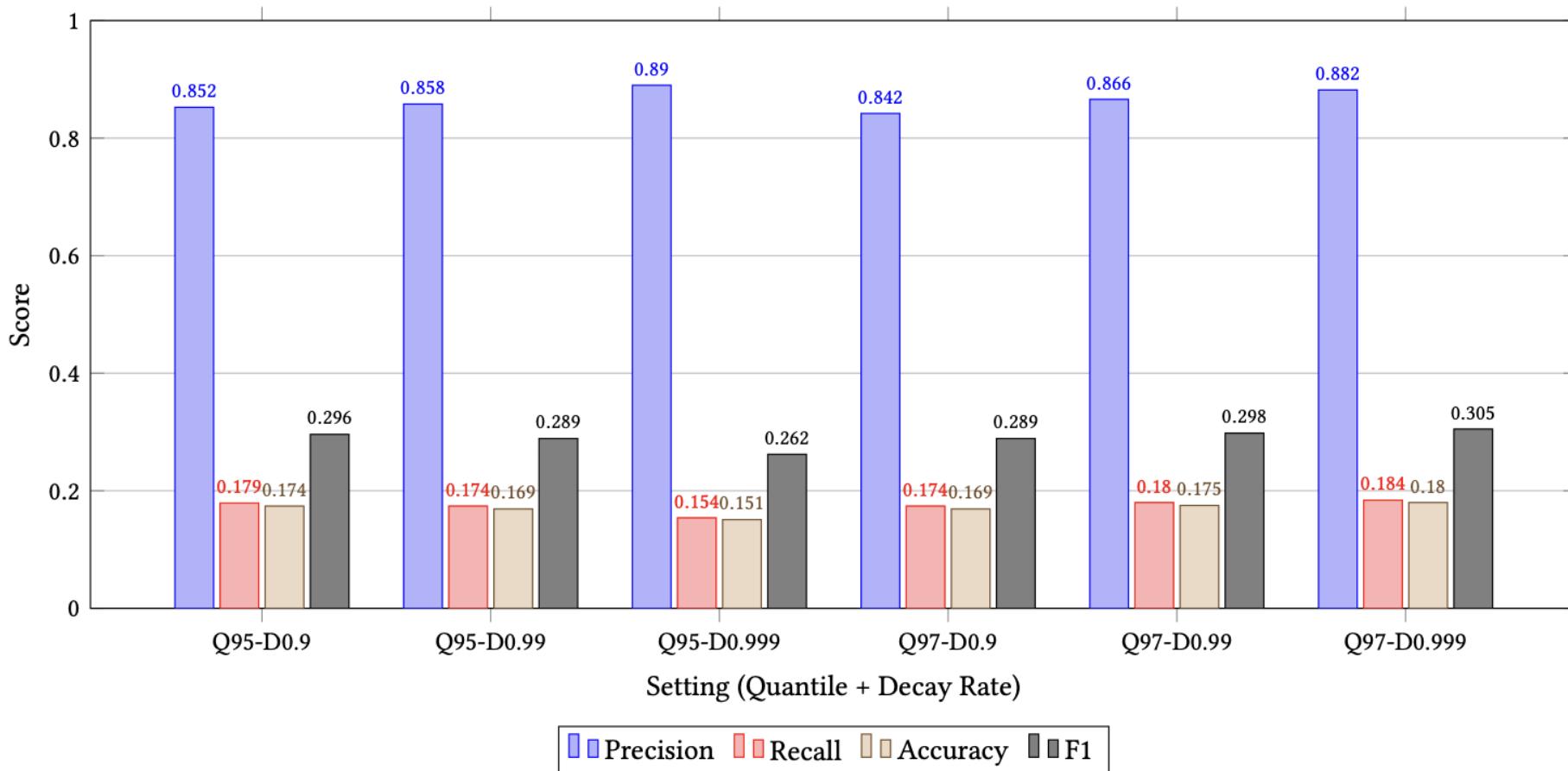
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Ablation



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Ablation



Best Model Performance

Correct : 2767
Incorrect : 77
Missing : 2398

Precision : 0.97292
Accuracy : 0.52785
F1 score : 0.69097
Recall : 0.53572

Configuration

2-Hop
Threshold 6
0.99 threshold decay

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Seed-free Deanonymization



- Calculate Pseudo labels using heuristics
 - Degree
 - Two hop neighbours
 - Average neighbour degree
 - Clustering coefficient
- Use Seed-based method using Pseudo labels
- Threshold Scheduling
- Sparse Matrix computation
- GPU-based Training

Best Model Performance

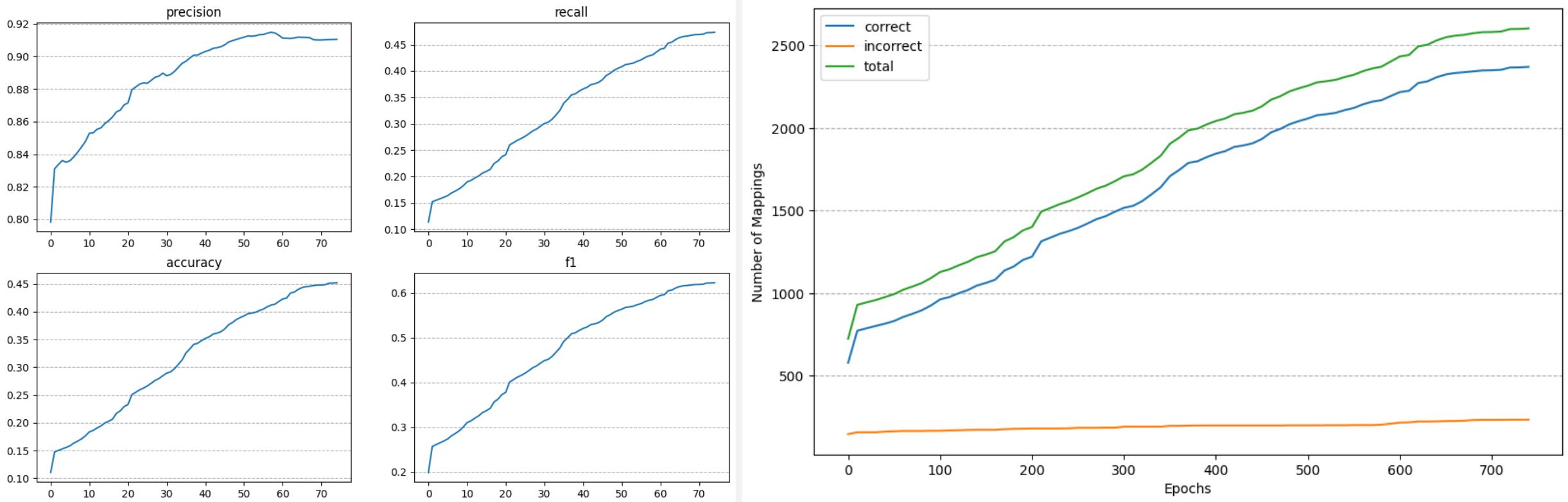
Correct	: 2376
Incorrect	: 233
Missing	: 2662
Precision	: 0.91057
Accuracy	: 0.46792
F1 score	: 0.63870
Recall	: 0.47866

Configuration

2-Hop
Threshold 10
0.99 threshold decay
Min_threshold 1e-2

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Results on Validation



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Section 2

Individual Project

Apu Kumar Chakroborti

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Introduction



- Many real-world datasets (**social networks**, **communication graphs**, **mobility networks**) are anonymized by replacing user identities with random labels.
- **Graph deanonymization** aims to recover the true correspondences between two graphs **G_1** (original/**anonymized**) and **G_2** (**auxiliary graph**) with identity information based on structural similarity.
- Two problem settings:
 - **Seed-based deanonymization**: a subset of node pairs (u_i, v_i) is already known.
 - **Unseeded deanonymization: no initial mappings**; algorithm must infer initial matches automatically.
- Goal: produce a reliable full mapping $f:V(G_1) \rightarrow V(G_2)$ using structural, neighborhood, and iterative propagation techniques.

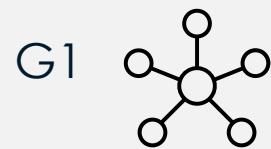
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Seed based/free Deanonymization Method



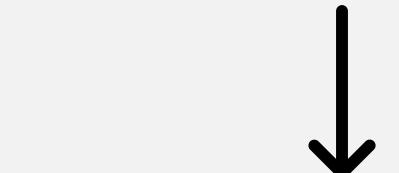
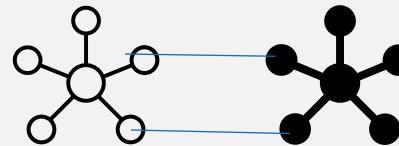
Seed Based Method:

Initial mapping

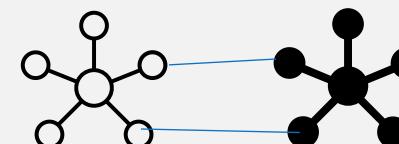


Seed free Method: structures:
degree, local clustering
coefficient, and page rank

Propagation Method



**Final Complete
Mapping from
G1 to G2**



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Propagation Method(1)



```
function propagationStep(lgraph, rgraph, mapping)

    for lnode in lgraph.nodes:
        scores[lnode] = matchScores(lgraph, rgraph, mapping, lnode)
        if eccentricity(scores[lnode]) < theta: continue
        rnode = (pick node from right.nodes where
                  scores[lnode][node] = max(scores[lnode]))

        scores[rnode] = matchScores(rgraph, lgraph, invert(mapping), rnode)
        if eccentricity(scores[rnode]) < theta: continue
        reverse_match = (pick node from lgraph.nodes where
                            scores[rnode][node] = max(scores[rnode]))
        if reverse_match != lnode:
            continue

        mapping[lnode] = rnode
```

Propagation Method(2)



```
function matchScores(lgraph, rgraph, mapping, lnode)

    initialize scores = [0 for rnode in rgraph.nodes]

    for (lnbr, lnode) in lgraph.edges:
        if lnbr not in mapping: continue
        rnbr = mapping[lnbr]
        for (rnbr, rnode) in rgraph.edges:
            if rnode in mapping.image: continue
            scores[rnode] += 1 / rnode.in_degree ^ 0.5
```

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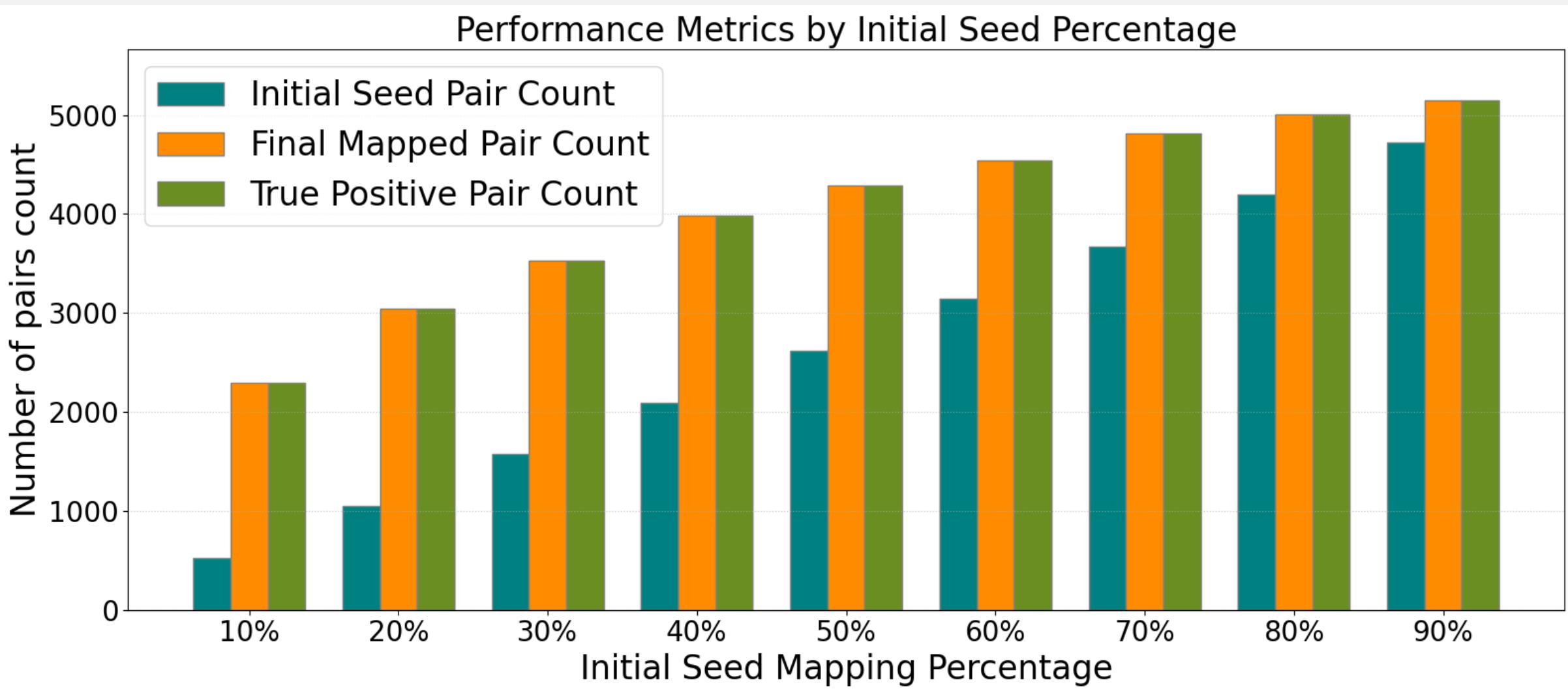
Propagation Method(3)



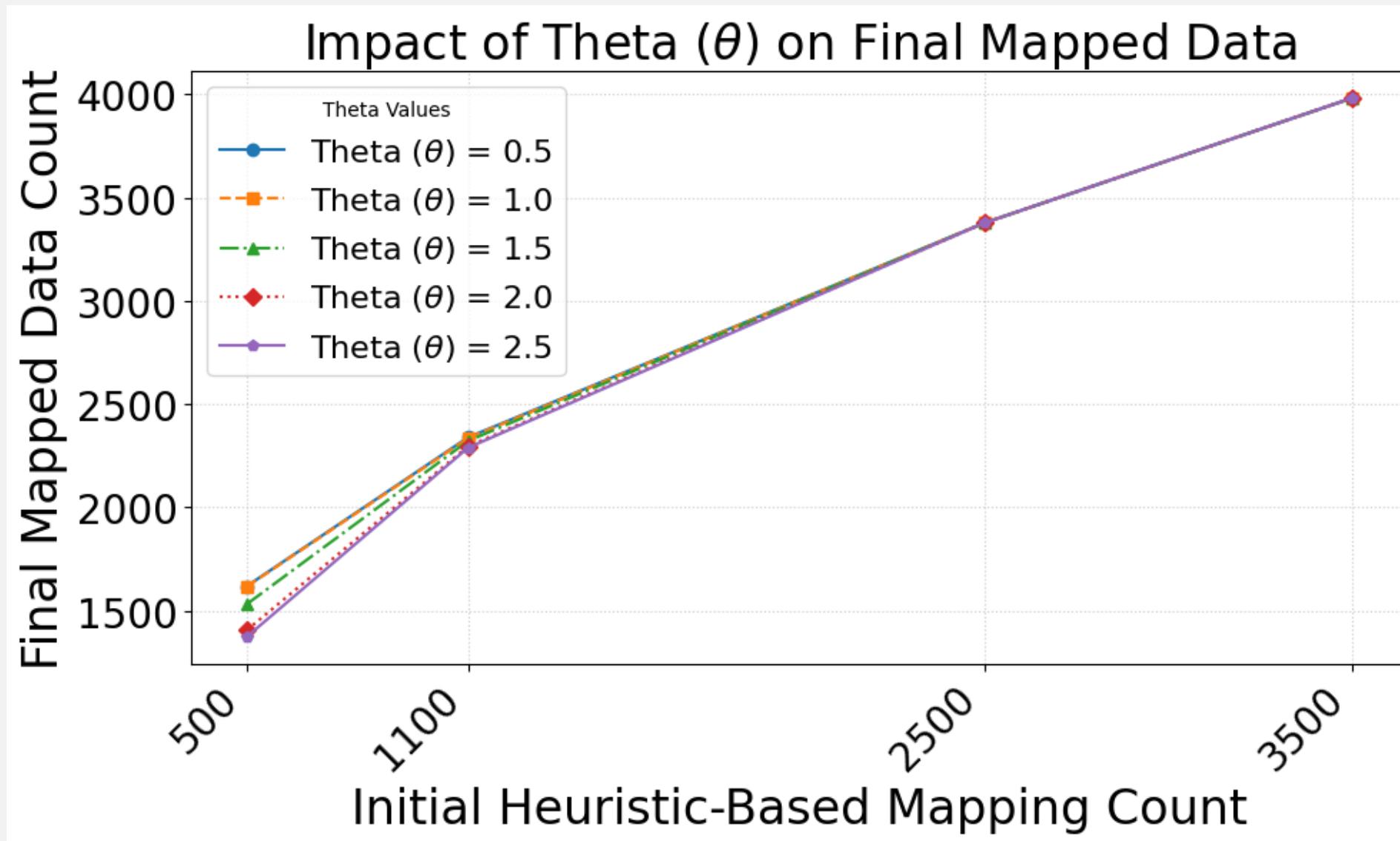
```
function eccentricity(items)  
  
    return (max(items) - max2(items)) / std_dev(items)  
  
until convergence do:  
    propagationStep(lgraph, rgraph, seed_mapping)
```

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Ablation Results on Validation Datasets(1)



Ablation Results on Validation Datasets(2)





Section 3

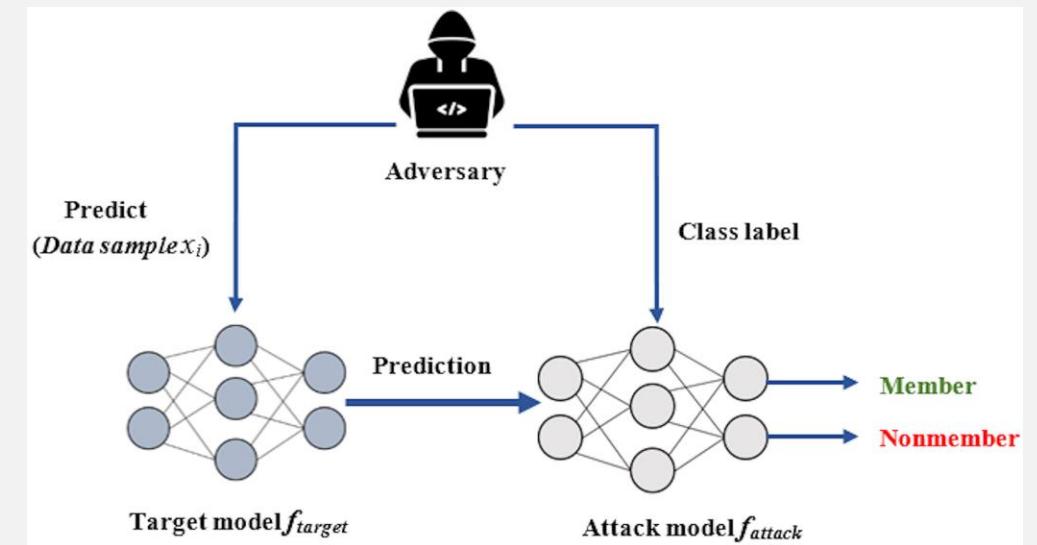
Group Project Membership Inference Attack

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What is Membership Inference Attack?



- A privacy attack where the adversary predicts whether a sample was part of a model's training set
- Exploits the fact that models often behave differently on training vs non-training samples (overfitting, confidence differences, loss shape)
- Critical for privacy-sensitive domains: medical data, financial data, recommendation systems, NLP datasets

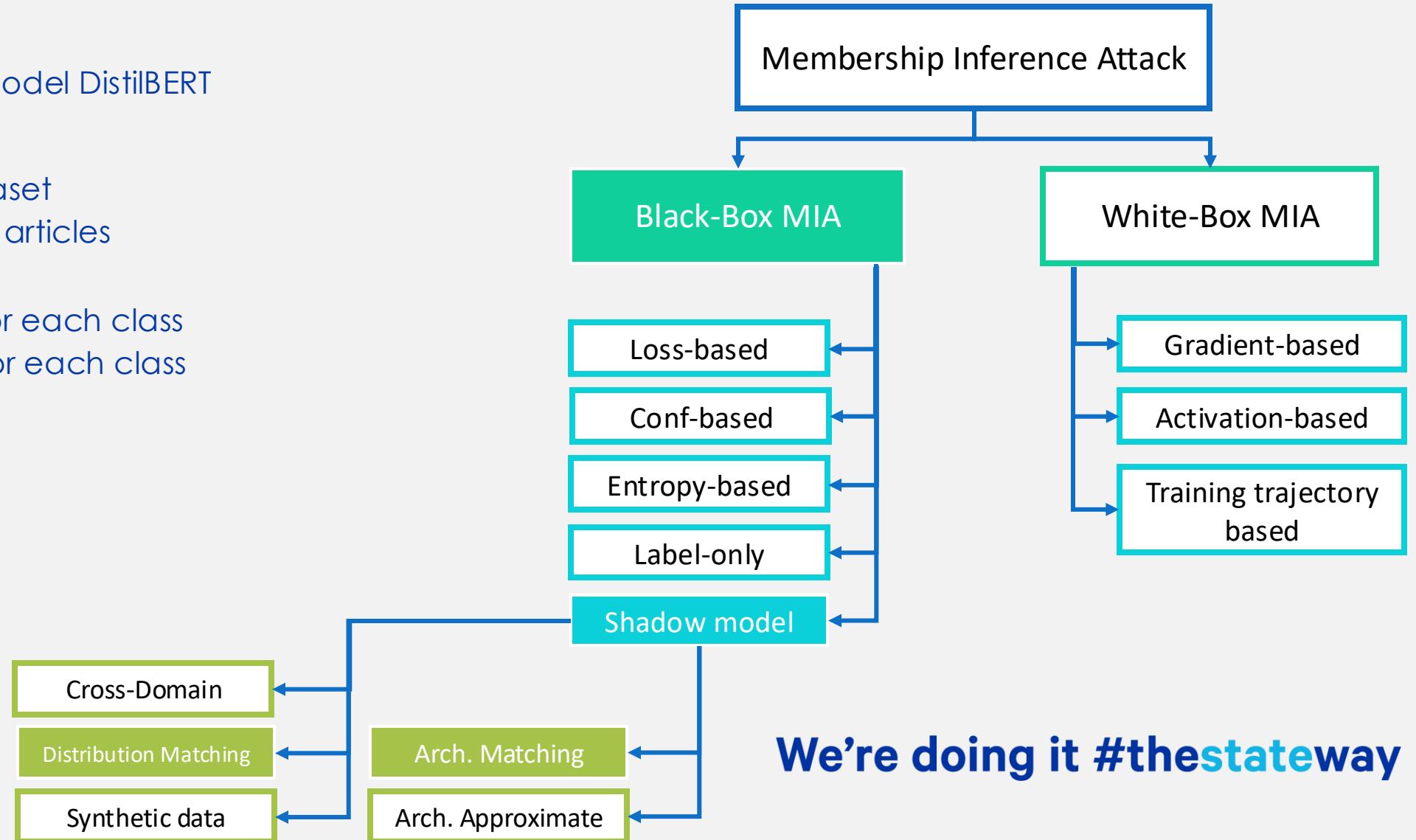


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Problem Setting



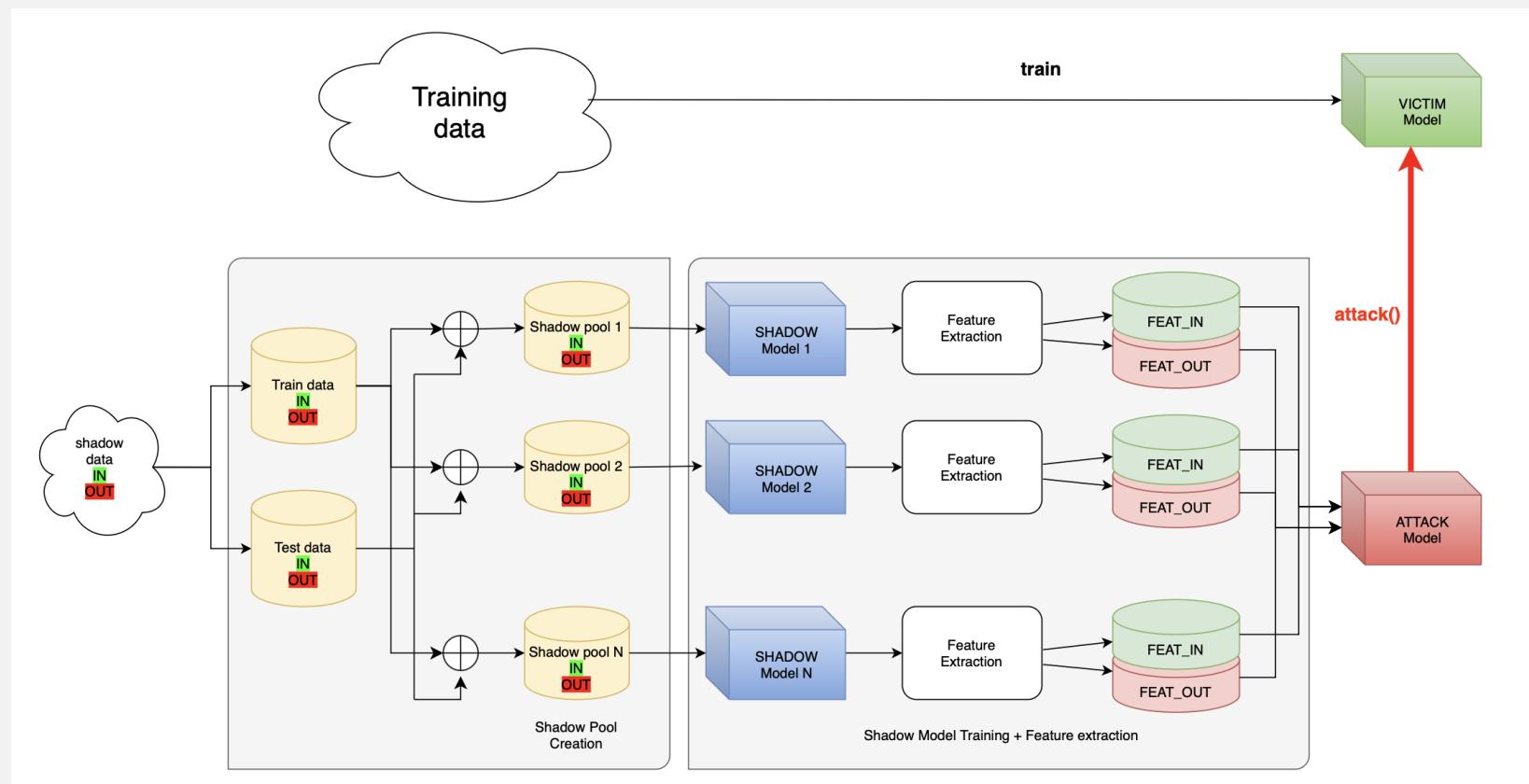
- Model
 - Transformer model DistilBERT
- Dataset
 - AG news dataset
 - 1 million news articles
 - 4 classes
 - 30K training for each class
 - 1900 testing for each class



Working Methodology



1. Shadow dataset creation
2. Shadow model training
 1. 5 shadows
 2. 5 epochs per shadow
3. Feature Extraction
 1. Using victim model
4. Attack dataset creation
5. Attack model training
6. Evaluate on victim model



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Loss Criterion

- Noisy Label Cross-Entropy for Shadow training
 - Allows for misclassification
- Focal Loss for Shadow training (rejected)

Multi-phase Optimization

- AdamW followed by LBFGS

Model Selection

- Random Forest
- MLP (LayerNorm + LeakyRelu + Dropout)
- XGBoost

Feature Extraction

- Confidence-based features
 - Confidence
 - Margin ($\text{Top-1} - \text{Top-2}$)
 - Logit Margin
 - Logit Norm
 - correctness
- Loss-based features
 - Loss
- Distribution-based
 - Entropy
 - Class Norm

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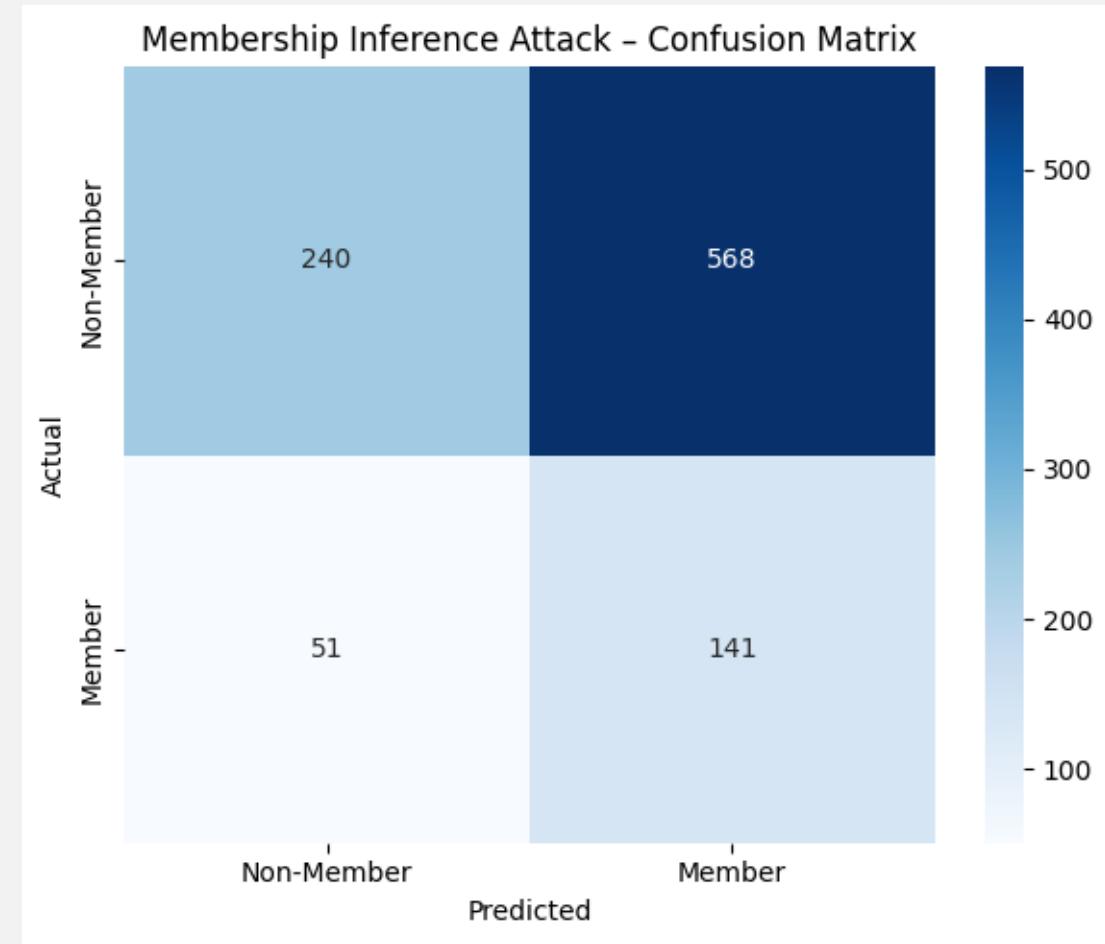
Results



Best Model Configuration

- 5 shadow models
- Noisy Label CE (noise = 0.2)
- Attack MLP model
 - 3 layers
 - Layer Norm
 - Leaky ReLU
 - Dropout regularization

Metric	Value
ROC_AUC	0.5312
Precision	0.2188
Recall	0.734
F1	0.3329
Accuracy	0.381



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Section 4

Future Plans

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Future Plans



- Cross-attention based features
- GAN-based MIA
- No-data MIA

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Questions?

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