Prediction of Malicious traffic in IoT network

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Overview

Problem Definition

Defn

IoT devices are growing rapidly and due to there less computational power these devices are getting compromised easily. Task is to predict malicious traffic in the IoT network. Prediction is done based on the labels that are assigned in the dataset.

- In the data generated have 22 columns where time, IP address for originating point and responding point, protocol used for communication, duration, connection state, no of packets, label are recorded.
- With the combination of all the columns finally labels says the particular communication happened is Benign or Malicious.

Data Preprocessing and visualization

Data Preprocessing

- Dataset is in the form of CSV file named as iot23_combined_new.csv
- Which contains 6046623 rows and 22 columns
- We have to check for missing or NAN values.
- There are some values which is represented with special character '_' that have to be replaced.

```
In [4]: dd.isnull().sum()

Out[4]: Unnamed: 0       0
        ts               0
        uid              0
        id.orig_h        0
        id.orig_p        0
        id.resp_h        0
        id.resp_p        0
        proto            0
        service          0
        duration         0
        orig_bytes       0
        resp_bytes       0
        conn_state       0
        local_orig       0
        local_resp       0
        missed_bytes     0
        history          0
        orig_pkts        0
        orig_ip_bytes    0
        resp_pkts        0
        resp_ip_bytes    0
        label            0
        dtype: int64
```

Figure 1: Checking for missing values

```
In [6]: dd.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 6046623 entries, 0 to 6046622
Data columns (total 22 columns):
 #   Column         Dtype
---  ------         -----
 0   Unnamed: 0     int64
 1   ts             float64
 2   uid            object
 3   id.orig_h      object
 4   id.orig_p      float64
 5   id.resp_h      object
 6   id.resp_p      float64
 7   proto          object
 8   service        object
 9   duration       object
 10  orig_bytes     object
 11  resp_bytes     object
 12  conn_state     object
 13  local_orig     object
 14  local_resp     object
 15  missed_bytes   float64
 16  history        object
 17  orig_pkts      float64
 18  orig_ip_bytes  float64
 19  resp_pkts      float64
 20  resp_ip_bytes  float64
 21  label          object
dtypes: float64(8), int64(1), object(13)
memory usage: 1014.9+ MB
```

Figure 2: Data type of each column

Cleaning the Dataset

- In the process of cleaning the dataset we have seen that 'uid', 'ts', 'Unnamed: 0' are having unique values so we are removing it.

```
In [9]: # We can see that uid and ts have unique value so we can remove it
        dd=dd.drop(columns=['uid','ts','Unnamed: 0'])
```

Figure 3: Dropping the values

IP address to int

- Using IP address in network traffic dataset as a feature can be used for detecting anomalies or identifying network patterns.
- With the help of the below code we are converting it to int data type which is easy for machine learning to process.

Converting orginator IP address string to its corresponding integer representation

```
In [12]: ip_col_name = "id.orig_h"

         # define a function to convert IP addresses to integers
         def ip_to_int(ip):
             try:
                 return struct.unpack("!I", socket.inet_aton(ip))[0]
             except socket.error:
                 return None

         dd[ip_col_name] = dd[ip_col_name].apply(ip_to_int)

         dd.to_csv("iot23_combined_new.csv", index=False)
```

Figure 4: Converting Ip address to int

Protocol

- Protocol: With dd['proto'].values_counts() we can display the individual count of each protocol used in the IoT network traffic.
- With the value displayed below the values_count we can see that TCP is maximum used.

```
In [17]: dd['proto'].value_counts()

Out[17]: tcp     6026584
         udp       18429
         icmp       1610
         Name: proto, dtype: int64
```

Figure 5: Individual count of protocol

Protocol

- Visual representation of protocol in bar graph

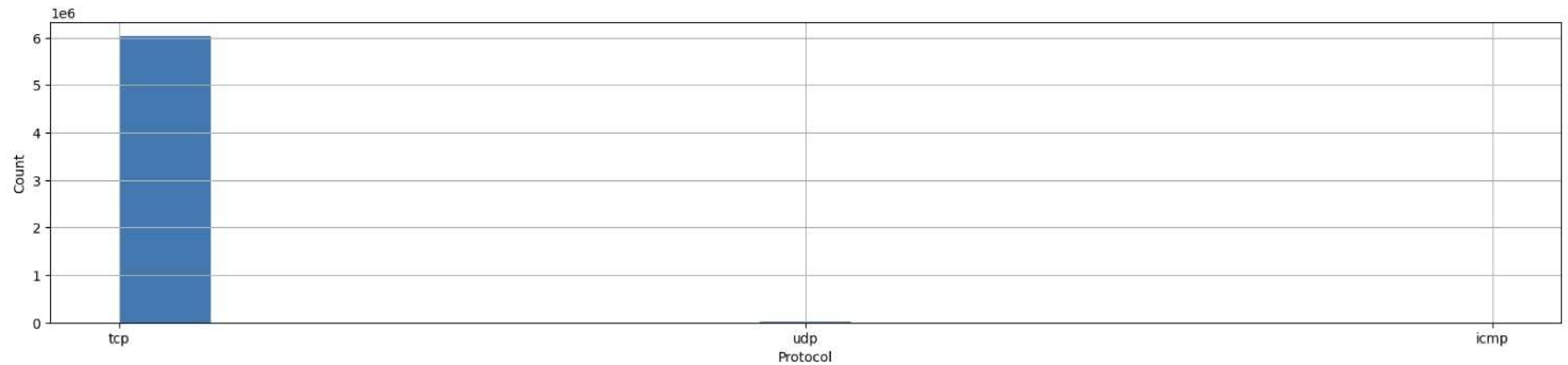

Figure 6: Protocol Visualization

- Coming to 'Service', 'duration', 'orig_bytes', 'resp_bytes' when using values_counts( ) we can see that

```
In [20]: dd['service']=dd['service'].str.replace('-','nil')
```

Figure 7: Service

```
In [25]: dd['duration']=dd['duration'].str.replace('-','0')
```

Figure 8: Duration

```
In [27]: dd['orig_bytes']=dd['orig_bytes'].str.replace('-','0')
```

Figure 9: Originator bytes

```
In [29]: dd['resp_bytes']=dd['resp_bytes'].str.replace('-','0')
```

Figure 10: Respondent bytes

Connection State

- Conn_state: Connection state of the network traffic is displayed in pi chart. Where we can see 'S0' and 'OTH' occupies the maximum portion.

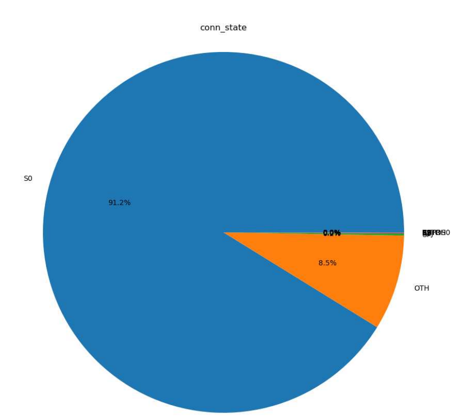

Figure 11: Connection state pi chart representation

- To understand the split up of other values we have ignored those two values and represented it in bar chart for reaming values.

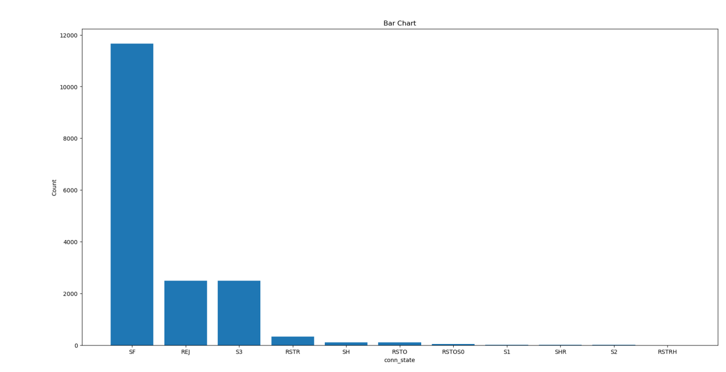

Figure 12: Connection state filtered bar chart

Label

- Label is the main feature in our dataset which is used for prediction. this feature says weather the network traffic is malicious or benign.
- Below is the pi chart representation of label feature.

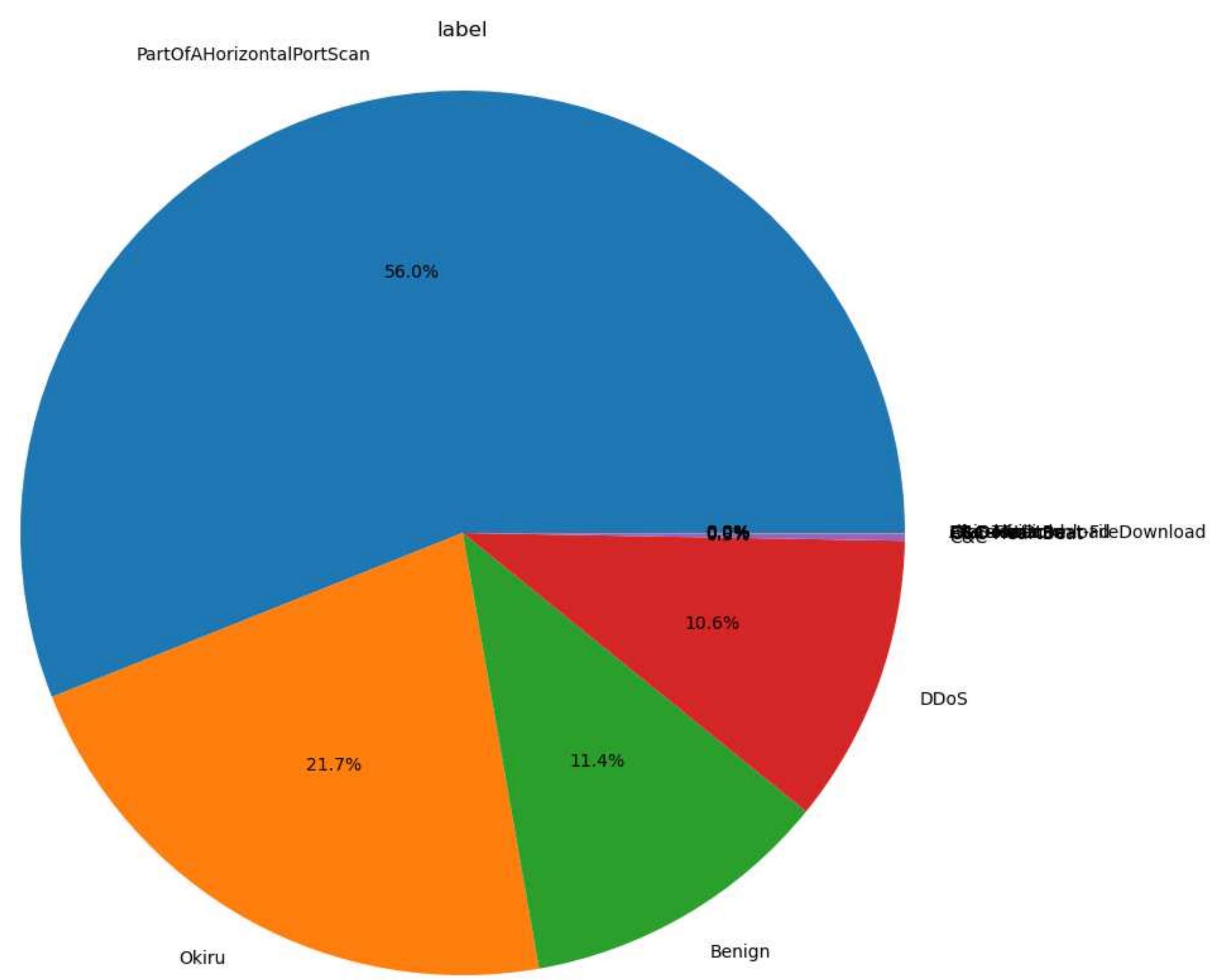

Figure 13: Pi chart representation of label

Label Visualization

- Label feature have 13 values where the majority is occupied by 4 values as shown above. Removing those four values in below image we represent the rest of the values in bar chart.

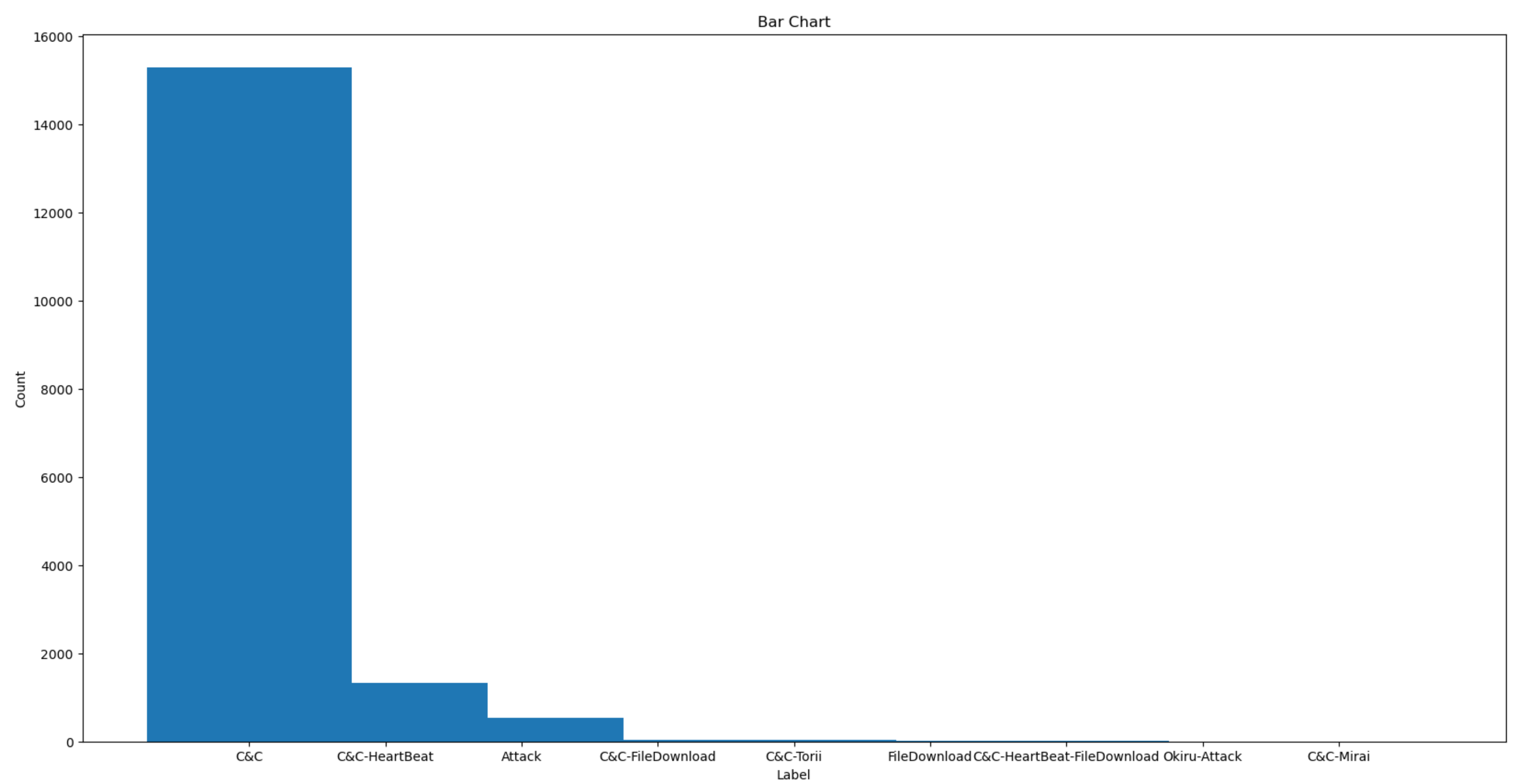

Figure 14: Filtered label representation

Label Encoding

- Categorical data are those that are represented by labels or categories, such as gender, color, or type of product. Machine learning algorithms require numerical input, so numerical encoding is necessary to transform categorical data into numerical values.
- We use label encoding to convert 'proto', 'service', 'conn_state', 'label' variables to numerical values.

Label Encoding

```
In [49]: pmap = {'tcp':0,'udp':1,'icmp':2}
         dd['proto']=dd['proto'].map(pmap)

In [50]: pmap = {'nil':0,'dns':1,'irc':2,'http':3,'dhcp':4,'ssl':5,'ssh':6}
         dd['service']=dd['service'].map(pmap)

In [51]: pmap = {'S0':0,'OTH':1,'SF':2,'REJ':3,'S3':4,'RSTR':5,'SH':6,'RSTO':7,'RSTOS0':8,'S1':9,'SHR':10,'S2':11,'RSTRH':12}
         dd['conn_state']=dd['conn_state'].map(pmap)

In [52]: pmap = {'PartOfAHorizontalPortScan':0,'Okiru':1,'Benign':2,'DDoS':3,'C&C':4,'C&C-HeartBeat':5,'Attack':6,'C&C-FileDownload':7,'C&
         dd['label']=dd['label'].map(pmap)
```

Figure 15: Label encoding

Correlation

- Correlation is a statistical measure that describes the relationship between two variables. It is used to determine how strongly and in what way two variables are related to each other. Correlation coefficients range between -1 and +1.
- We are representing correlation using heat map.

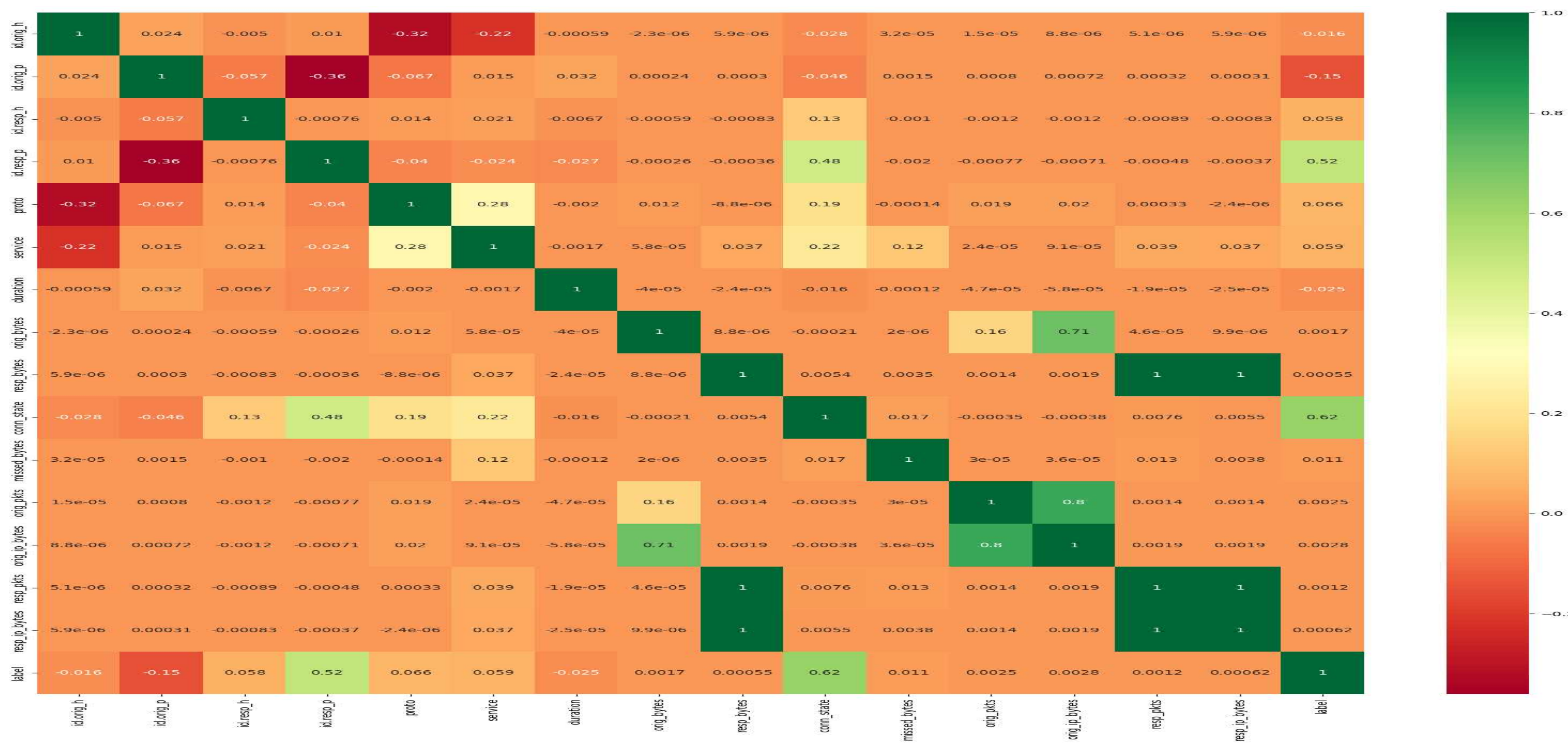

Figure 16: Correlation

High correlation

- If variables are highly correlated, it may be a good idea to remove one of the variables to avoid multicollinearity, which can lead to unstable and inaccurate models.
- When we refer the above diagram we can see that some variables are highly correlated. To avoid multicollinearity we are removing 'resp_bytes', 'resp_pkts', 'orig_pkts'.

Model built and prediction

Splitting the data

- The most common way to split a dataset is to divide it into two subsets: a training set and a testing set. The training set is used to train the model, and the testing set is used to evaluate its performance.
- Training set is of 80% and test is of 20%.

```
In [56]: X = dd.drop(['label'], axis=1)
         y = dd[['label']]
```

Figure 17: Splitting the value to train and test set

Decision Tree Classifier

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- We used Decision Tree Classifier which is the supervised learning algorithm.
- This prints out important feature with its values

```
In [93]: # Build the decision tree
df = DecisionTreeClassifier()
df.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Evaluate the decision tree
y_pred = df.predict(X_test)
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)

importances = df.feature_importances_

feature_names = list(X.columns)

feature_importances = sorted(zip(feature_names, importances), key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)

for feature, importance in feature_importances:
    print(f"{feature}: {importance}")
```

Figure 18: Decision tree classifier

Important Features used

- Calculates the feature importance of the model
- Sorts the features by importance in descending order
- Prints each feature and its importance

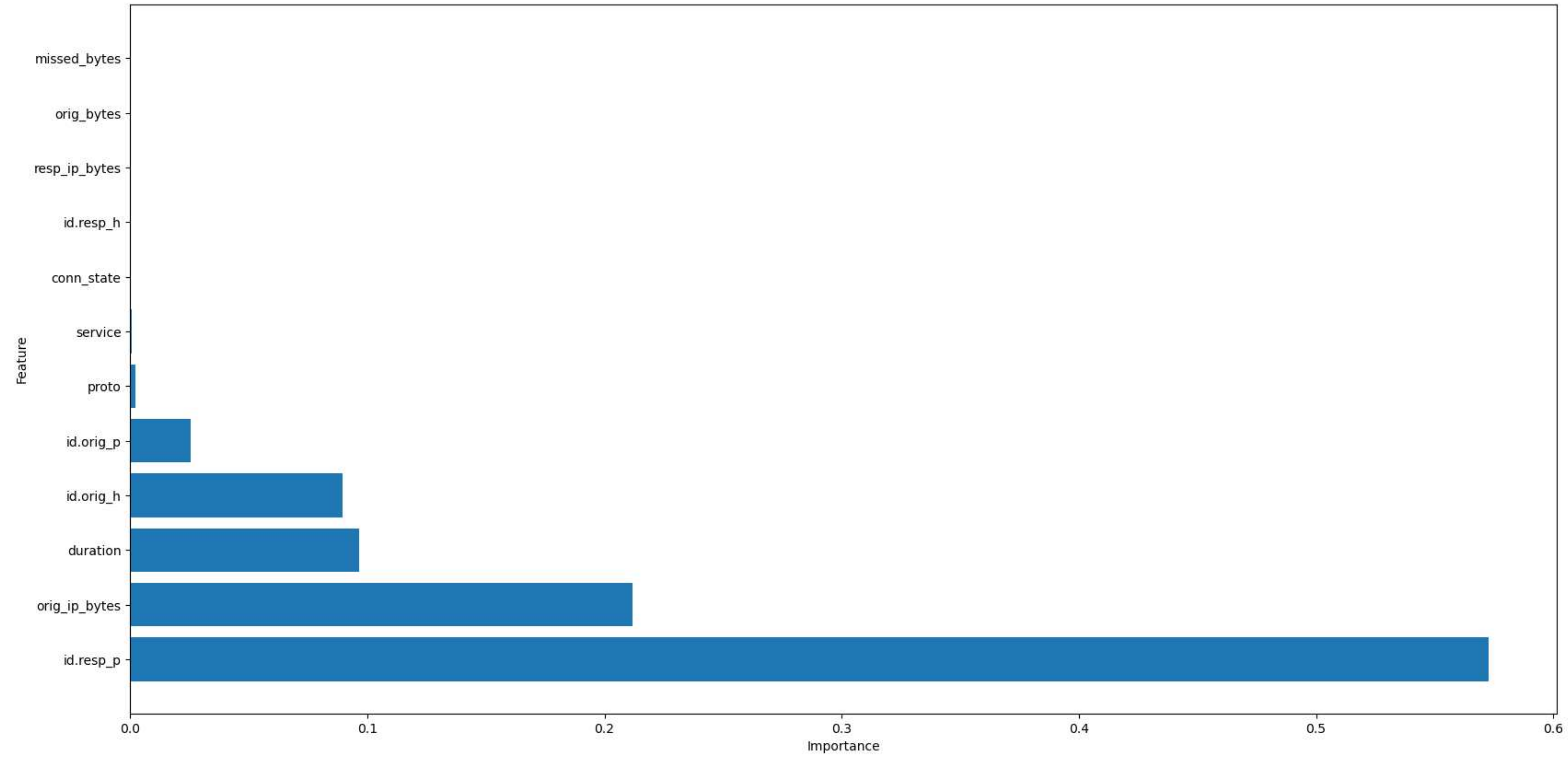

Figure 19: Important features used

Evaluating the model


```
In [99]: mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred)
         print("MSE:", mse)

         MSE: 8.434457238542162e-05

In [100]: rmse = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred, squared=False)
          print("RMSE:", rmse)

          RMSE: 0.009183930116536254

In [101]: mae = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred)
          print("MAE:", mae)

          MAE: 2.6461042316995017e-05

In [103]: accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
          print("Accuracy:", accuracy)

          Accuracy: 0.9999875963864139
```

Figure 20: Accuracy obtained

Evaluating the model

- Confusion matrix is used to evaluate the performance of a classification model. It compares the actual and predicted target variables and counts the number of correct and incorrect predictions

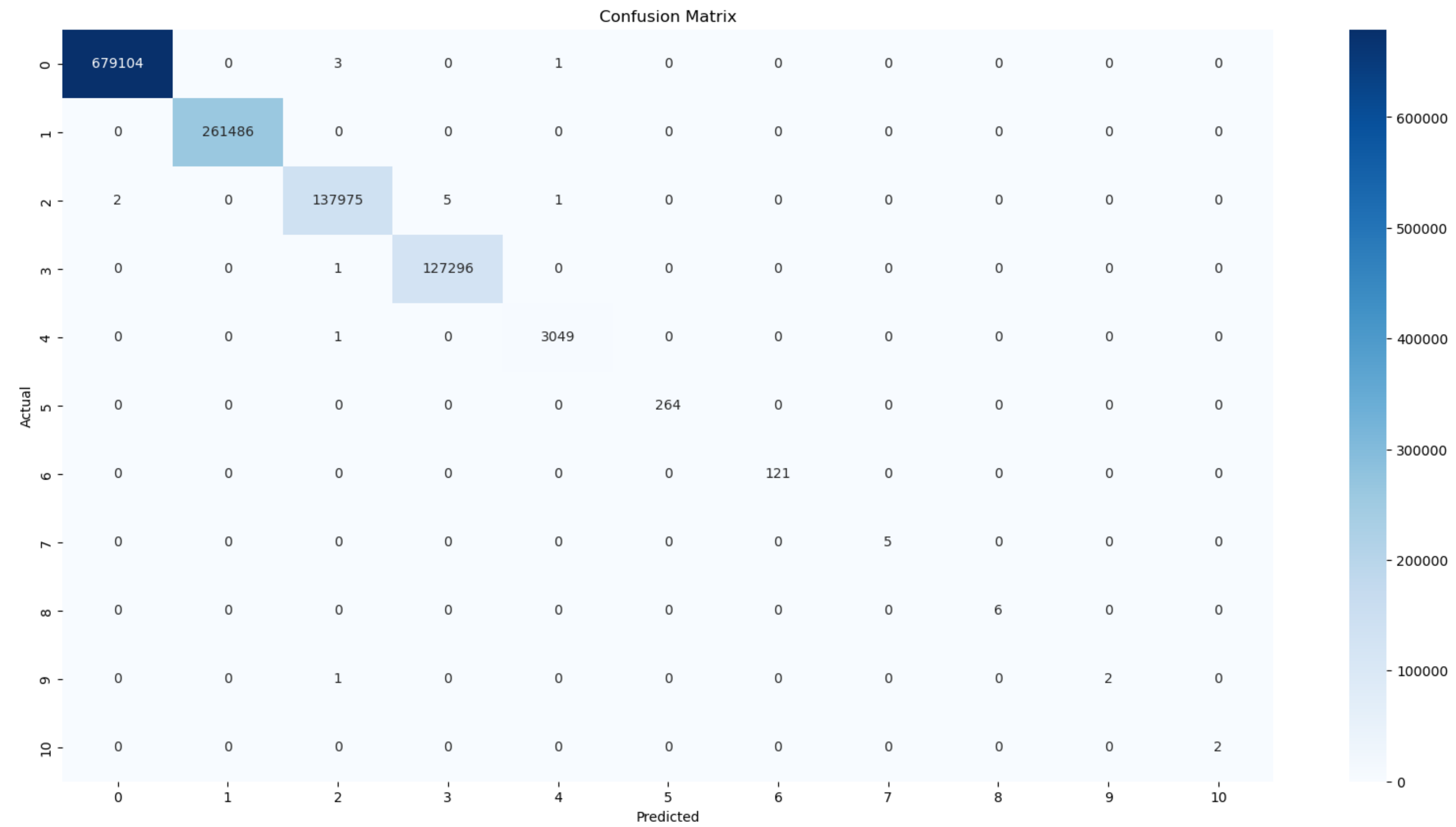

Figure 21: Evaluation result

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- For this Flip00 task I have taken dataset from Kaggle. For which data pre-processing, data cleaning, splited the data for train and test, finally applied Decision Tree Classifier algorithm.
- Additionally used originator IP address (id.orig_h) and respondent IP address (id.resp_h) by converting them to integer form.
- This prediction model helps to effectively predict the Labels of traffic.

Questions?

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