



# An Optimization Algorithm Based On Intelligent Machine Learning To Improve Secure Data Transmission In Iot Cloud Ecosystem

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*Abstract* : The delay inherent with Traditional Cloud Computing makes it impractical for securely holding IoT data, especially given the ongoing growth in the number of IoT sensors and physical devices linked to the Internet. The current body of research on automating security measures for all components within the IoT-Cloud ecosystem that handle huge data and real-time activities is limited, mostly owing to the difficulties involved with processing such data on Cloud facilities. The process of establishing a safe and automatic data transmission from the Internet of Things (IoT) layer to the cloud layer may present significant challenges, especially in the context of managing many geographically scattered devices. This chapter presents a sophisticated algorithm designed to enhance security protocols inside the Internet of Things (IoT) cloud environment. The use of the butterfly optimization technique is employed for this specific purpose.

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## 1. Introduction

In recent years, there has been a notable increase in the prevalence of the Internet of Things (IoT) and cloud computing. At present, there is a wide range of Internet of Things (IoT) devices that are designed with a focus on meeting the needs and preferences of consumers. Additionally, leading providers of cloud services are expanding their software offerings to include a comprehensive suite of IoT services. The examination of the security of smart Internet of Things (IoT) cloud systems has garnered significant attention in recent years, aligning with the expansion of this burgeoning phenomenon. In contemporary times, there has been a notable surge in the popularity of the Internet of Things (IoT), a term used to describe a network of networked objects. The use of networking technology allows humans to get information from many sources and later change this data, so enhancing their engagement with the surrounding environment. The widespread use of Internet of Things (IoT) devices may be credited to the significant progress made in hardware and networking technologies throughout the last decade. Additionally, according to the prognosis provided by the GSMA [8], it is anticipated that the implementation of Internet of Things (IoT) devices would continue, resulting in an estimated worldwide total of 25.2 billion devices by the year 2025. In contemporary times, cloud computing has arisen as a unique technological infrastructure inside modern

civilization, coexisting with the Internet of Things (IoT). The consumption of the service is not limited by factors such as device type, network connectivity, time constraints, or geographical location.

IoT devices have the capability to use cloud infrastructure for the purposes of storage, messaging, and processing backend. This facilitates the implementation of Internet of Things (IoT) terminal applications that have the capability to remotely get data and use computational resources. In recent years, researchers have integrated cloud computing with the Internet of Things (IoT) to enhance the functionality and performance of IoT applications, despite their historical development as independent domains. At present, prominent cloud service providers extend their support for cloud services pertaining to the Internet of Things (IoT). The growing prominence of technological breakthroughs in the Internet of Things (IoT) cloud sector is becoming more evident. The services provided by Amazon's Alexa [18] serve as a prime example of a resilient Internet of Things (IoT) cloud ecosystem. This methodology entails using the microphones of the Alexa device to gather voice data from consumers and afterwards relaying it to the cloud. After the data processing is finished, the cloud will proceed to transfer the findings to Alexa. Alexa has the capability to serve as a smart home hub, enabling it to effectively manage and regulate a diverse range of Internet of Things (IoT) devices that are present inside a user's residential premises. This comprises activities such as turning on the television, presenting a picture, and obtaining nourishment. One potential approach to establish remote communication with Alexa while away from home is using a terminal application, such as a mobile phone application. Cloud services are used for these objectives.

The use of IoT cloud ecosystems is becoming more prevalent in several sectors, including wearables, smart homes, autonomous cars, healthcare, and industrial machines. Nevertheless, the issue of security continues to be a key concern. In recent times, researchers have undertaken investigations pertaining to the use of Internet of Things (IoT) in conjunction with cloud technologies. In light of the fact that certain Internet of Things (IoT) cloud systems are interconnected with vital infrastructures and all are interconnected with persons, it is crucial to possess a thorough comprehension of the security protocols implemented for these systems. A thorough comprehension of the aforementioned systems and their corresponding users is essential in order to protect them and facilitate the development of more effective approaches. The objective of this chapter is to provide a thorough examination of the existing knowledge and prospective research obstacles in the realm of consumer-centric Internet of Things (IoT) cloud platforms. This resource is designed to function as a comprehensive reference for both practitioners and researchers with an interest in this particular field. This chapter aims to stimulate the development of improved solutions for IoT cloud systems by addressing the existing research issues.

## 1. Literature review

A plethora of academic literature has extensively examined the security dimensions pertaining to both the Internet of Things (IoT) and cloud computing. Sicari et al. [11] conducted an examination of the topic of security in Internet of Things (IoT) systems, specifically addressing research and concerns pertaining to IoT security. Moreover, this paper assessed the existing implementations of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies. Alaba et al. (2019) have identified security concerns pertaining to Internet of Things (IoT) systems, including aspects such as hardware, software, and networking. A study was undertaken by Khan

and Salah to explore possible blockchain-based solutions for augmenting security inside the realm of the Internet of Things (IoT). The examination of security risks and security needs for IoT systems was undertaken by Harbi et al. Stoyanova performed a comprehensive examination of the domain of IoT data forensics, which included examining many aspects such as challenges, theoretical frameworks, and pragmatic solutions. According to Khalil et al., there are security risks present in cloud computing services that need attention, along with viable cures. The authors also investigated current issues and solutions related to security in cloud computing [14, 10]. The assessment conducted by Domingo-Ferrer et al. investigated several methodologies aimed at protecting privacy in the context of storing sensitive data in cloud environments. Ahmed et al. (year) performed a survey [3] that focused on assessing trust within the context of cross-cloud federation. Tabrizchi (2011) undertook a comprehensive investigation on the security and privacy concerns associated with cloud computing. Ammar et al. conducted an analysis of the integration of IoT cloud, specifically examining its architecture and security components. This finding was recorded in the citation provided as reference [9]. In their work, Dizdarevic et al. (2019) examined the communication protocols used in the integration of Internet of Things (IoT), fog computing, and cloud computing. Meanwhile, Celik et al. (2017) performed an examination into the security and privacy vulnerabilities of IoT programming platforms using program analysis tools. In their study, Kumar et al. undertook a comprehensive security risk assessment and evaluation of security processes pertaining to cloud-based Internet of Things (IoT) applications. Almolhis conducted an analysis of the primary security obstacles and current remedies pertaining to cloud-based Internet of Things (IoT) applications. Previous study has shown that the convergence of Internet of Things (IoT) and cloud systems, particularly the establishment of IoT cloud ecosystems, has emerged as a viable approach for the advancement of intelligent applications targeted towards consumers. In recent times, consumer apps have begun to integrate IoT cloud integration, a technology that has been well-established in the academic domain for a considerable duration. The use of consumer apps by a large number of persons, frequently reaching millions, is a widespread occurrence. Academic researchers are now exploring strategies to augment the protection of their interests. A unique security threat has surfaced, and previous assessments have been inadequate in comprehensively addressing it. The rationale for this is because the magnitude of a typical Internet of Things (IoT) cloud ecosystem exceeds that of an individual IoT system or cloud application. A considerable proportion of people have incorporated smart home technologies, such as voice-activated assistants, into their residences. The task of effectively managing a large number of devices and guaranteeing the security of data at such a magnitude might provide considerable challenges. The increased ease of access enabled by an Internet of Things (IoT) cloud environment offers more possibilities for malicious actors to breach the system.

In relation to the Internet of Things (IoT), it is feasible for any person to acquire or get the system. Regarding the cloud component, the interchange of data between Internet of Things (IoT) devices and the cloud is simplified by using public HTTP GET/PUT services. Moreover, an Internet of Things (IoT) hub has the capacity to enable the linkage of devices manufactured by various producers, owned by a range of users, and integrated into the architecture of the IoT cloud. The complexity of ensuring system security is heightened by the varied array of methods used by many devices and users to get access to the system. The Internet of Things (IoT) cloud ecosystem has just undergone its third expansion, resulting in an increased

range of available services and solutions. Multiple unique clients often use commercially accessible IoT cloud apps, with each customer acquiring a different device of the same type.

As a result, the cloud endpoint is faced with the task of distinguishing between many users, which presents a complex endeavor for the cloud endpoint. If one person utilizes an Internet of Things (IoT) device of the same make as another user, and the later user explicitly indicates their unwillingness for their data to be accessible by the former user. Moreover, there is an increased level of participation among people in an ecosystem that encompasses the Internet of Things cloud. Furthermore, the platform provides a mobile application that aids in the administration of Internet of Things (IoT) devices, in addition to gathering data related to human behaviors, as seen in smart home apps. The possibility exists that a single gadget may be used and accessible by numerous persons, each exhibiting their own unique patterns of behavior and preferences. The degree of human engagement also presents a new vulnerability to physical assault. The absence of concrete examples in the preceding evaluation presented a difficulty in understanding and using genuine, functional Internet of Things (IoT) systems at a level that is both intuitive and practical, as shown in the references cited [4, 9, 14, 16, 4, 7].

## 2. Proposed Model

In order to elucidate the notion, we will commence our discussion with a basic example of a smart home application. Based on the above background, it can be argued that both the temperature sensor and the smart air conditioner are essential constituents of the Internet of Things (IoT) framework. Once the temperature reaches 30 degrees, a smart home hub commences the transfer of temperature data to a cloud server. Based on the data analysis conducted by the cloud server's data analysis system, it has been determined that the current temperature above the permissible level. The intelligent air conditioner gets a directive from the cloud server, which prompts it to commence operation and establish the suitable temperature objective.

The principal purpose of the smart air conditioner is to initiate and maintain the desired temperature. In the presence of an ambient temperature of 30 degrees Celsius, a person who is suffering from a cold may display reluctance in using an air conditioning system. The activation of the intelligent air conditioning system may be impeded by the use of a smartphone application or other control interface, unless express authorisation is granted by the user. The potential of an Internet of Things (IoT) cloud ecosystem to function as a self-adaptive system is noteworthy, yet it is important to acknowledge its vulnerability to human intervention. The evaluation focuses on an application that places emphasis on the user's wants and preferences. The security of emerging applications is a subject of apprehension for several stakeholders, including consumers, manufacturers, cloud service providers, and society at large. A substantial number of persons are now using these programs. In the context of upcoming Internet of Things (IoT) cloud systems intended for consumer use, it is advantageous to do an impartial evaluation of their security protocols.

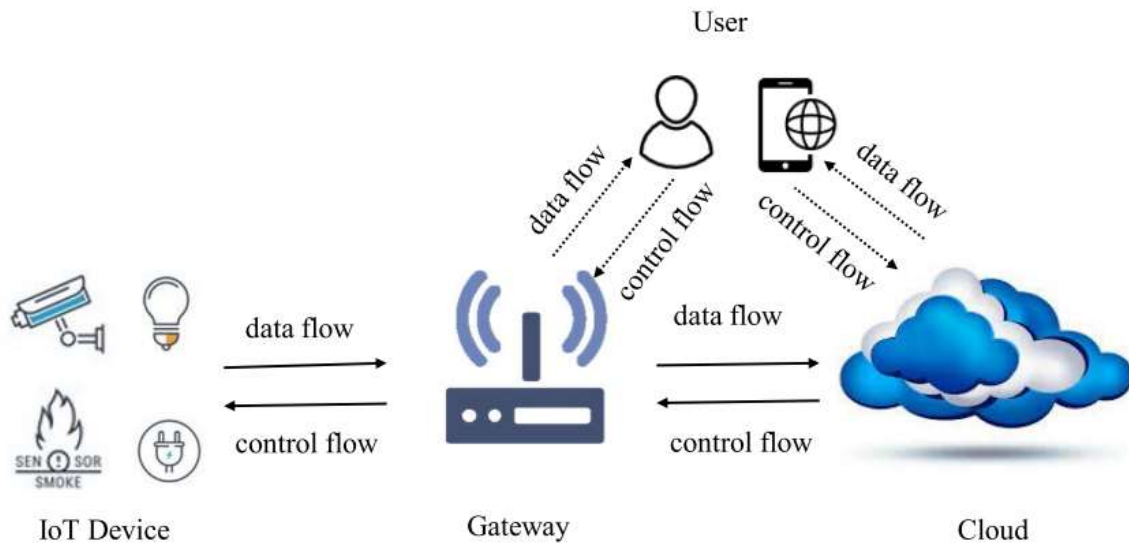


Fig 1: IOT Cloud Ecosystem

The act of ensuring the security of the gateway has significant relevance within the Internet of Things (IoT) cloud ecosystem, as seen in Figure.1.

### 3.1 Feature selection using bat induced butterfly optimization (BBO)

Feature selection is a preliminary methodology used to improve the overall quality of a product. The idea of feature selection (FS) encompasses a range of optimization strategies that aim to determine the most optimum subset of attributes within a given database. The primary purpose of FS is to properly replicate the original data. The feature selection method typically consists of two main stages: the initial identification of the minimal reduction and the subsequent evaluation of the selected features. The fundamental challenge is in assessing the continued viability of the optimum feature selection approach with respect to the attributes of the source data. Fortunately, FS is considered a search entity that encompasses a portion of the characteristics at each point in the search area. The present work used a bat-induced butterfly optimization (BBO) technique to discern the most suitable characteristics and minimize superfluous data.

The first change is that we use a certain frequency and sound instead of a different frequency  $g_j$ . In BBO, each bat is determined by its position  $y_j^T$ , velocity  $U_j^T$ . The new solutions  $y_j^T$  and velocities  $U_j^T$  at time step T are given by

$$U_j^T = U_j^{T-1} + (y_j^T - y_*)g \quad (1)$$

$$y_j^T = y_j^{T-1} + U_j^T \quad (2)$$

The global best solution is referred as  $y_*$ . In this  $g$  is equal to 0.5. To increase demographic diversity the search performance is improved by Eq. (3)

$$Y_{NEW} = y_{s1}^T + G(Y_{s2}^T - Y_{s3}^T) \quad (3)$$

where  $G$  is the mutation weight factor, while  $s_1, s_2, s_3$  are evenly divided into random numbers. The migration process can be expressed as follows:

$$y_{j,z}^{T+1} = y_{s1,z}^T \quad (4)$$

where  $y_{j,z}^{T+1}$  zth denotes an element of  $y_j$  at generation  $T+1$  it gives the position of King Butterfly  $i$ . Similarly,  $y_{s1,z}^T$  indicates the zth newly formed stage of the monarch butterfly  $s_1$ .  $T$  is the number of the current generation. Monarch butterfly  $s_1$  is approximately selected from the sub-population. Here,  $s$  can be calculated as

$$s = Rand * Peri \quad (5)$$

$Peri$  indicates immigration period.  $Rand$  is a random number obtained as a result of consolidated distribution. Or rather, if  $s > q$ , the  $k$ th element in the butterfly is the newly formed king

$$y_{j,z}^{T+1} = y_{s2,z}^T \quad (6)$$

where  $y_{j,z}^{T+1}$  the newly formed phase of the monarch butterfly is the return element  $s_2$ . Monarch butterfly  $r_2$  is approximately selected from the sub-population. If the generated probable number  $q$  is less than or equal to  $q$  for all components of the monarch butterfly, it can be updated as follows:

$$y_{j,z}^{T+1} = y_{Best,z}^T \quad (7)$$

where  $y_{j,z}^{T+1}$  zth denotes an element of  $y_i$  at generation  $T+1$  gives the position of King Butterfly  $j$ . Similarly,  $y_{Best,z}^T$  zth denotes an element of  $y_{Best}$  that is Best King Butterfly in Land 1 and Land 2.  $T$  is the number of the current generation. Or rather, if larger than the  $Rand P$ , it can be upgraded

$$y_{j,z}^{T+1} = y_{s3,z}^T \quad (8)$$

where  $y_{s3,z}^T$  and zth denotes an element of  $y_{s3}$ . In this case, if it is  $Rand > BAR$ , it can be updated as follows

$$y_{i,z}^{T+1} = y_{i,z}^{T+1} + \alpha \times (dy_z - 0.5) \quad (9)$$

where it indicates butterfly adjustment speed.  $dy$  is the according to the monarch butterfly  $i$  Levy calculate this by flight.

$$dy = Levy(y_i^T) \quad (10)$$

In Eq. (9),  $\alpha$  is the expectation factor is given as Eq. (11)

$$\alpha = R_{Max} / T^2 \quad (11)$$

The working function of algorithm 1 represents the function of the BBO.

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**Algorithm 1** Optimal feature selection using bat induced butterfly optimization

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Input : Velocity

Output : Weight factor

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- 1 Initialize the parameters
  - 2 Compute the new solutions
 
$$U_j^T = U_j^{T-1} + (y_j^T - y_*)g$$
  - 3 Improve the performance using
 
$$Y_{NEW} = y_{s1}^T + G(Y_{s2}^T - Y_{s3}^T)$$
  - 4 Compute the migration process using
 
$$y_{j,\varepsilon}^{T+1} = y_{s1,\varepsilon}^T$$
  - 5 Determine the new population using
 
$$y_{j,\varepsilon}^{T+1} = y_{s2,\varepsilon}^T$$
  - 6 Upgrade the position of the butterfly
  - 7 Calculate the levy flight using
 
$$dy = Levy(y_i^T)$$
  - 8 End
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### 3.2 Classification using Random Forest algorithm

Breiman is widely acknowledged as the originator of the first random forest algorithm, with its development dating back to 2001. The use of decision trees is utilized by a classification methodology to manage the random forest. Data mining methods, such as the decision tree algorithm, are extensively used in several domains. The categorization process in decision trees entails the use of both current data and data qualities to produce a well-informed determination about the class or category. The Classification and Regression Tree (CART) algorithm is a fundamental component of the decision tree approach, characterized by its binary tree structure. Based on the reference provided (33), it can be seen that each stage of the random forest comprises four CART trees. During the training phase, a subset of training samples is picked using the Bootstrap sampling technique. This subset is denoted as  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_k$ . In the end, the decision tree labeled as  $K$  will be formed. Based on the criterion of minimum purity, it is recommended to choose the most outstanding expert only from the set of candidate  $M$  branches at node  $N$  inside the classification tree. As a result, the trees will attain full growth. The third step involves a replication of the previous phase. The user's text is too short to be rewritten in an academic manner. A decision tree was created. The formation of the asymmetrical forest is attributed to the presence of key trees that possess a firmly established presence. The ongoing refinement of the final sample selection procedure in the random forest methodology necessitates more advancements.

The assessment of all the characteristics is performed using a multi-class support vector machine (SVM) classifier for each unique combination of features. The classification is conducted by using an initial dataset, in which only the relevant qualities for the given job are included. Afterwards, the hypothesis is tested by using filtered experimental data sets. The implementation of a one-vs-all strategy is considered essential in order to provide separate classifications for each group. Ultimately, the evaluation of the feature subset is conducted by analyzing its classification performance on the experimental data via the use of various support vector machines. The process of encoding attributes entails the employment of binary strings that are representative of the quantity of characteristics. In the present encoding technique, the value of a binary digit of zero indicates the non-selection of a specific attribute, while a binary digit of one indicates the selection of the attribute as a constituent of an attribute subset.

The algorithm under consideration is a meta-heuristic that combines innovative approaches like local search with traditional search methods such as evolutionary algorithms. The memetic algorithm is a computational methodology that integrates components of evolutionary algorithms and local search techniques in order to optimize solutions for intricate issues. Improve the effectiveness of the fundamental search algorithm by minimizing the time needed to get an ideal outcome [22]. Evolutionary algorithms are often formulated to explore the whole range of the search space. In contrast, a localized exploration inside a defined geographic region use an evolutionary process to uncover more optimal solutions. The performance of an algorithm is greatly influenced by the choice of generation operators, as well as the program's categorization and local search methodology. The current research utilizes a local search methodology to assess the closeness of the answer after it is received by the distribution estimation algorithm. The method employs a selection process to determine the subset that is both practicable and closest in proximity among the given possibilities, with the aim of determining the most optimum choice. In the end, the most favorable option is replaced with the existing one.

## **4. Performance Analysis**

### **4.1 Data Set**

The NSL-KDD dataset consists of records that have 43 fields. Attribute 41 is linked to a closed behavior field that represents the distinctive behavior or intrusion type. The last field pertains to the level of challenge involved in detecting the intrusion. The column denoted as "label" has five distinct classifications, including a solitary category for conventional attacks and three categories for intrusions: Denial of Service (DoS), User to Root (U2R), Remote to Local (R2L), and Probable (Prob). A denial of service attack, often known as a DoS attack, is a kind of cyber assault in which a targeted computer system is overwhelmed with an excessive number of connection requests, resulting in the system's inability to meet legitimate user demands. Consequently, the server incurs substantial financial obligations and becomes inept in efficiently managing typical network traffic. The process of targeting the root account entails using a normal user account to get higher access by exploiting a vulnerability inherent within the system. During an external intrusion attempt, the perpetrator has the capacity to deliver packets to a computer system. However, the perpetrator lacks an authentication credential on the targeted device, hence hindering their ability to access the system in a manner similar to that of an authorized user. During the process of intrusive scanning infiltration, the system undergoes a thorough scan with the objective of finding prospective vulnerabilities

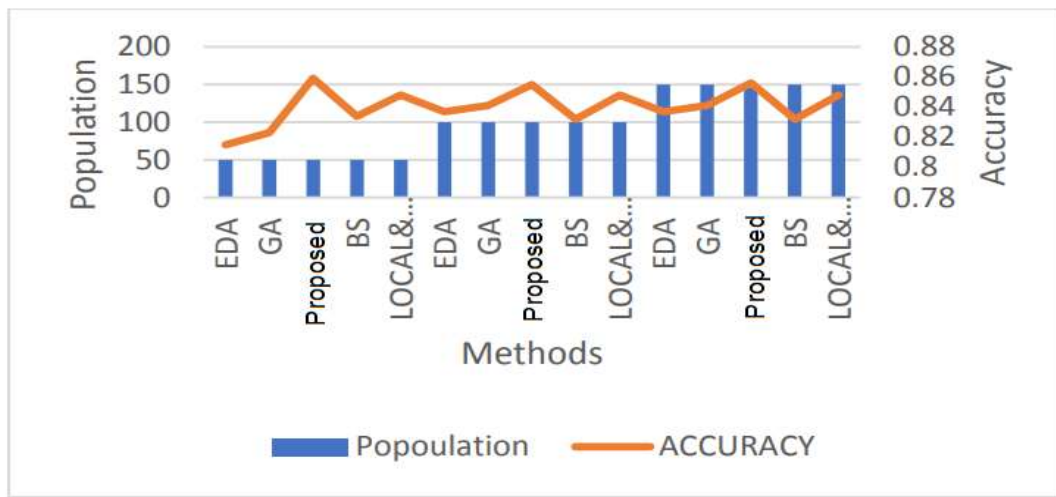


or attacks that may be prone to exploitation in future occurrences. The identified vulnerabilities possess the capacity to be used for the purpose of executing a system attack. The existing dataset classifies numerical and textual data into three distinct categories, namely basic, content, and traffic.

The TCP/IP capabilities serve as the fundamental elements of an IP connection. The presence of these attributes hinders the prompt identification of security breaches. When examining a network connection, several factors are taken into account, such as the duration of the connection, the protocol and service used, and the volume of data sent during the connection. The paragraph examines the characteristics or attributes of information. The observed attacks exhibit a distinct lack of consistent aberrant repetition, hence distinguishing them from other forms of assaults that seek to interrupt services and engage in scanning operations. The root system's vulnerability stems from its constrained connectivity, whereby network data packets are confined to the data part and hold a solitary link. This is in opposition to service-blocking and scanning assaults, which create several connections to servers within a short timeframe. The inclusion of packet data analysis services is of utmost importance in order to identify indications of infiltration activities, such as the frequency of failed attempts. The identification of this specific kind of attack is crucial. The phrase "content attributes" is often used to refer to these particular features. Instances of these attributes include the regularity of network engagements, the quantity of failed login endeavors on a network, and the user's authorization to enter the system in the capacity of an administrator. In the context of traffic characteristics, it is apparent that they may be classified into two distinct categories. There are two types of relationships that may be classified based on temporal factors. The first group pertains to connections that demonstrate both same service and host as the current connection, transpiring within a timeframe of two seconds. The second classification of temporal connection is used for the purpose of investigating protracted acts of aggression. The aforementioned qualities may be classified as machine-based, since they quantify the ratio of past connections to present connections that possess identical service and host parameters. The methods are subjected to cross-validation using the CIDDS-001, KDD99, and VIRUS TOTAL datasets.

## 4.2 Simulation Results

This section of the study article presents the results collected from the NSL-KDD database. This study investigates the efficacy of five distinct feature selection methodologies via the use of the support vector machine algorithm on populations including 50, 100, and 150 people. The algorithms of leading selection and backward selection are considered to be population-independent, since their performance is unaffected by an increase in population size. In the context of smaller populations, the method under evaluation shown superior performance when compared to the distribution estimation technique. However, as populations have increased, the level of accuracy between the two methods has diminished. The use of the distribution estimate strategy in conjunction with local search techniques has resulted in significant improvements in the performance of small populations. The consistency of the postulated mechanism's correctness is seen across all levels of the population, as shown in Figure 2.



**Figure 2: Accuracy evaluation with other algorithms**

The diagram shown above illustrates the classification accuracy of a database consisting of packets that have been categorized into five unique groups. The study demonstrates the level of precision achieved by using various feature selection methods across populations of different sizes. The detection accuracy of effects is notably diminished when the training database comprises a restricted number of samples, resulting in a decline in the overall accuracy of detection.

## 5. Conclusion

The process of identifying and classifying data is of great importance in detecting unauthorized access, with the thoughtful selection of relevant qualities being a crucial determinant. Feature selection approaches may be used on large datasets to enhance the performance of classifiers, while also lowering the time and cost associated with detection. The objective of this study was to evaluate the efficacy of several genetic attribute selection procedures, distribution estimation, hybrid distribution estimation with local search, leading selection, and backward selection in SVM classification, taking into account their algorithmic suitability. Hence, it was essential to do a comprehensive investigation to evaluate the influence of four feature evaluation metrics on the classification accuracy of an Intrusion Detection System (IDS). The achievement was attained by the implementation of a thorough experiment that included two well acknowledged benchmark datasets, namely NSL-KDD and VIRUS TOTAL, as well as four advanced machine learning classifiers, namely KNN-RF, PSO, SVM GA, and GA. The results obtained from all classifiers had a similar character. However, the proposed technique exhibited the highest level of precision in detecting, as shown by several feature evaluation metrics, when the optimal parameter values were used.

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