

# Modeling and Minimization of Cyber Attacks through Optimization Technique

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## ABSTRACT

In the daily routine work on the internet, the people are using the services like email, money transfer, accessing of web pages, social networking, downloads, communication on network, etc. Hackers are hacking the web pages, emails, etc which are reported in the cyber police station. The present work is based upon the cyber attacks in the Indian scenario and different cyber attacks have been identified and these attacks are optimized by applying a well known optimization technique known as Hungarian method which is based upon that the number of person are affected with minimization losses delete. A well known Unified Modeling Language (UML) modeling is also used to design the UML activity model which is validated through a Finite State Machine (FSM) technique and observed that the proposed method is optimized method for getting minimum losses across the network which is based upon distributed computing network.

## Keywords

Modeling, Cyber Attacks, Hungarian, Optimization, UML and FSM

## 1. RELATED WORK

In the present paper, a well known Platform Independent language is used to construct various UML models. UML stands for Unified Modeling Language and invented by Booch et al. [1-2]. They described all the important diagrams related to static and dynamic representation of the research problem. OMG [3-4] is the Object Management Group who has released various versions of UML. The modeling is necessary for representing the research problem in the pictorial way and thereafter coder develops the code for the proposed model. Since, the present work is related to the Cyber Security models therefore let us describe some important contribution done by the researchers in these field. Communal Analysis Suspicion Scoring (CASS) for generating numeric suspicion scores are well described by Phua et al.[5] for the streaming of the credit card applications. Baber et al.[6] stated that computer conditions(tablets and computers) lead to faster performance when compared with paper conditions while there was no difference in content and quality of reports. Cetin et al.[7] described the recent developments in technology used by youngsters which are increasingly creating environments in which students can exhibit bullying behaviors in schools via electronic devices. Cyber bullying and Cyber victim can be used as scale for determining the level of exposure to or exhibiting cyber bullying behaviors among students in high school. Daman and Ozecilik[8] described a novel combination of the two well known meta heuristic approaches, namely the Genetic algorithm and the Scatter search which can be applied to improve the credit card

fraud detection solution. Jamieson et al.[9] described a deep understanding of identification of crime by using the concept of hierarchical classes and explained clear structure for crime management. All these are defined as per the current status of law and proposed a solution for the minimization of the crime. Solms and Niekerk[10] described that Information security is the protection of information, which is an asset, from possible harm resulting from various threats and vulnerabilities. Cyber security, on the other hand, is not necessarily only the protection of cyberspace, but also the protection of these function in cyberspace and any of their assets that can be reached via cyberspace. Tehrane et al. [11] described Cyber terrorism is a transnational crime; it should be subjected to universal jurisdiction through multinational cooperation. The most suitable method to counter future transnational crimes such as cyber terrorism is universal jurisdiction. Maskun et al. [12] stated that Internet has become a global phenomenon; numerous advantages and disadvantages (crimes) which are being gotten and committed through the internet. To cope with both advantages and disadvantages, cyber security is needed to guarantee people to use internet safely.

The present work is based upon the identification of the major cyber attacks which are faced by the users in the daily routine work and losses due to attacks are computed and thereafter an optimization technique is used for the minimization of the losses. UML is also used for a model based on the minimization of the losses and the model is also validated through the FSM technique.

## 2. UML MODELING

A UML activity diagram is designed for the minimization of individual loss to the department and also consolidated loss to the organization. The steps involved for the minimization of losses are summarized below:

- Step 1: Identify the types of page which should fit within a rectangle of Cyber Attacks & let us consider there are  $N$ ;*
- Step 2: Categorize and fix the Priority of Cyber attacks which can be minimized for loss i.e. arrange in the decreasing order which shows that the maximum loss shall be minimized first;*
- Step 3: If the prioritized losses are already minimized then go to step 1 else follow the next step 4;*
- Step 4: Compute %loss to the user;*
- Step 5: Design a matrix of  $N*N$  order where  $N$  is the different types of Cyber Attacks;*

Step 6: Apply the algorithm to optimize the loss due to the Cyber Attacks;

Step 7: Compute the minimization loss to the users and to the organization.

The above steps are represented through UML activity diagram and shown in the figure 1. It consists of six major activities which are controlled by one condition. The Hungarian method is applied after creation of NxN matrix and the cells represent percentage of loss. The data is considered for the twelve major cyber attacks and proposed steps can handle the data upto N numbers of cyber attacks. A mathematical formulation of the problem is also done for the Hungarian method as it supports for N numbers of cyber attacks. After that a matrix for NxN is generated and it can be easily programmed for finding the minimum percentage of loss.

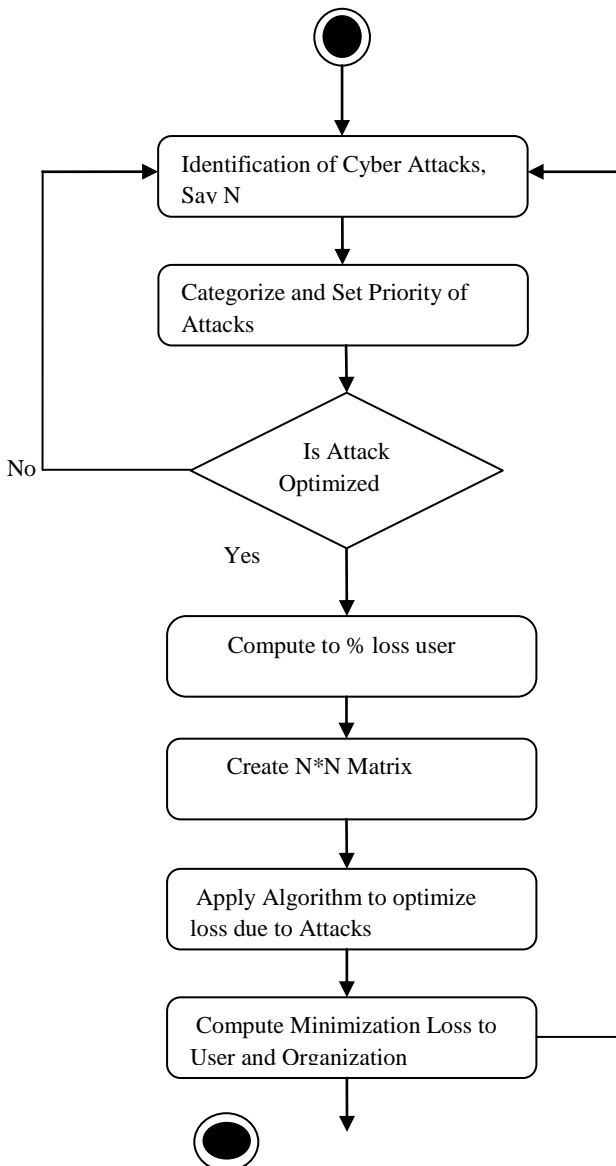


Figure 1 UML Activity Representation

### 3. MATHEMATICAL FORMULATION

Let Cyber attacks are categorized by the set  $CA = \{CA_1, CA_2, CA_3, \dots, CA_N\}$ . Let these attacks are detected and taken upto N attacks and due to these attacks let losses are

$L_1, L_2, L_3, \dots, L_N$  then to minimize these losses the following objective function is formulated

$$Z = \text{Min} \sum_{i=1}^N L_i * CA_i$$

Then the problem is converted into  $N*N$  matrix and in this case N is covered as  $N=12$  and attacks are shown in table 1.

Table 1. List of Cyber Attacks

Code	Description
CA <sub>1</sub>	Stealing of Database
CA <sub>2</sub>	Hacking of Websites
CA <sub>3</sub>	Job Scams/Frauds
CA <sub>4</sub>	Mobile Crimes
CA <sub>5</sub>	Antisocial Activities
CA <sub>6</sub>	Stealing of Bandwidth
CA <sub>7</sub>	Cloning of Debit/Credit Card
CA <sub>8</sub>	E-Commerce Fraud
CA <sub>9</sub>	Unauthorized Network Access
CA <sub>10</sub>	Theft of Password
CA <sub>11</sub>	Identity Theft
CA <sub>12</sub>	Cyber Blackmailing/Harassment

The different departments are consulted to make loss table as shown in table 2 and it is based upon the sample questionnaire and survey is completed for the 100 users but for computation purpose same size is considered as  $N=12$ . The steps for Hungarian method are described below in the object-oriented form:

Step 1:- Let us define  $obj.A[i][j]$ , where  $i=1(1)12, j=1(1)12$  and store the losses in  $12 \times 12$  matrix  $A[i][j]$ ;

Step 2:- Select  $\text{Min } A[i][j]$  for each row  $i$  and subtract it from each element of each row of  $A[i][j]$  i.e.  $obj.A[m][j] = obj.A[m][j] - \text{min } A[m][j]$  where  $m=1(1)12$  and update  $obj.A[i][j]$ ;

Step 3:- Select  $\text{Min } A[i][j]$  for each column  $j$  and subtract it from each element of each column of  $A[i][j]$  i.e.  $obj.A[i][n] = obj.A[i][n] - \text{min } A[i][n]$  where  $n=1(1)12$  and update  $obj.A[i][j]$ ;

Step 4:- Cut the lines row wise first & then column wise with coverage of maximum zeros.

Step 5 :- If number of cut lines are equal to the order of matrix then encircle zero in each row for finding the minimum loss and remaining zeros are discarded in that row/column.

Step 6 :- Select minimum element from non cut lines, subtract it from each element and add it at intersection of cut lines, update  $obj.A[i][j]$  go to step 4, till number of cut lines are equal to order of matrix N.

**Table 2 Data Representation of Cyber Attacks versus Departments**

Deptt→ Cyber Attacks↓	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>	D <sub>5</sub>	D <sub>6</sub>	D <sub>7</sub>	D <sub>8</sub>	D <sub>9</sub>	D <sub>10</sub>	D <sub>11</sub>	D <sub>12</sub>
CA <sub>1</sub>	20	30	20	20	30	40	20	30	40	50	30	20
CA <sub>2</sub>	60	70	50	70	50	65	35	45	55	60	65	75
CA <sub>3</sub>	10	20	15	25	35	25	15	35	10	20	25	35
CA <sub>4</sub>	75	60	70	45	55	60	60	75	65	55	45	50
CA <sub>5</sub>	25	35	25	30	40	35	30	25	20	30	35	40
CA <sub>6</sub>	15	25	10	15	25	30	25	15	20	25	15	20
CA <sub>7</sub>	40	30	35	30	20	25	30	30	25	20	30	20
CA <sub>8</sub>	50	60	40	50	40	30	35	45	35	35	40	45
CA <sub>9</sub>	15	25	15	25	15	25	25	35	25	35	45	25
CA <sub>10</sub>	40	50	60	50	40	60	55	65	45	55	65	55
CA <sub>11</sub>	15	25	15	25	35	30	15	20	25	15	20	30
CA <sub>12</sub>	40	50	45	55	35	45	50	55	45	35	25	35

**Table 3. Final Matrix After Applying Hungarian Method**

Deptt→ Cyber Attacks↓	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>	D <sub>5</sub>	D <sub>6</sub>	D <sub>7</sub>	D <sub>8</sub>	D <sub>9</sub>	D <sub>10</sub>	D <sub>11</sub>	D <sub>12</sub>
CA <sub>1</sub>	0	0	0	0	10	20	0	5	20	30	0	<b>0</b>
CA <sub>2</sub>	25	25	15	35	15	30	<b>0</b>	5	20	25	30	40
CA <sub>3</sub>	<b>0</b>	0	5	15	25	15	5	20	0	10	15	25
CA <sub>4</sub>	30	5	25	<b>0</b>	10	15	15	25	20	10	0	5
CA <sub>5</sub>	5	5	5	10	20	15	10	0	<b>0</b>	10	15	20
CA <sub>6</sub>	5	5	0	5	15	20	15	<b>0</b>	10	15	5	10
CA <sub>7</sub>	20	0	15	10	0	5	10	5	5	<b>0</b>	10	0
CA <sub>8</sub>	20	20	10	20	10	<b>0</b>	5	10	5	5	10	15
CA <sub>9</sub>	0	0	0	10	<b>0</b>	10	10	15	10	20	30	10
CA <sub>10</sub>	0	<b>0</b>	20	10	0	20	15	20	5	15	25	15
CA <sub>11</sub>	0	0	<b>0</b>	10	20	15	0	0	10	0	5	15
CA <sub>12</sub>	15	15	20	30	10	20	25	25	20	10	<b>0</b>	10

From the above table, minimum loss is computed for each of the department and observed that the minimum loss is to department1 which is just 10%. The overall loss to all the departments is also computed which is 25% for all twelve

cyber attacks and for all the departments. These are summarized below in following table:

Cyber Attack	Deptt. No.	Minimum Loss Computed
CA <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>12</sub>	20
CA <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>7</sub>	35
CA <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>1</sub>	10
CA <sub>4</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>	45
CA <sub>5</sub>	D <sub>9</sub>	20
CA <sub>6</sub>	D <sub>8</sub>	15
CA <sub>7</sub>	D <sub>10</sub>	20
CA <sub>8</sub>	D <sub>6</sub>	30
CA <sub>9</sub>	D <sub>5</sub>	15
CA <sub>10</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	50
CA <sub>11</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>	15
CA <sub>12</sub>	D <sub>11</sub>	25

Grand total = 300

Over all percentage loss to all departments = 25%

**GENERATION OR TEST CASES:-**

Let us consider the theory of automata for designing the Finite State Machine (FSM) which is defined by M and given by following

$M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

Where

Q = finite set of states;

$\Sigma$  = finite set of input symbols;

(Alphabets and Numbers);

$\delta$  = Transition between two states;

$q_0$  = Initial state;

F = Final state;

From the above definition of automata, a finite state diagram is represented in the figure 2. In which there are seven states represented as  $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5, q_6\}$  and these are according to the activity diagram represented in the figure1 and it is represented in the following table 4.

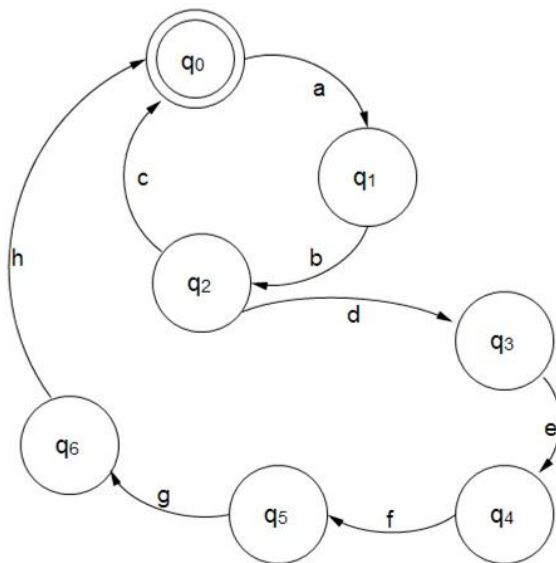


Figure 2 FSM Representation of Activity Diagram

Table 4.Representation of States

Name of State	Description of State
q <sub>0</sub>	Identification of Cyber Attack
q <sub>1</sub>	Categorize and set priority of Attacks
q <sub>2</sub>	Attack optimization
q <sub>3</sub>	Compute to % loss user
q <sub>4</sub>	Create matrix
q <sub>5</sub>	Apply algorithm to optimize loss
q <sub>6</sub>	Compute minimum loss to user

Now, the transition is represented by  $\delta (q_0, a)$ , where a is the set of inputs and inputs are considered as

$\Sigma = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h\}$  and representation is recorded in the following table 5.

Table 5.Representation of Input Symbols

Name of Input	Description of Input
a	List of Cyber Attacks
b	Priority list of Cyber Attacks
c	Not optimized list of Cyber Attacks
d	Optimized list of Cyber Attacks
e	List of losses
f	Resultant matrix with Cyber Attacks and Losses
g	Final optimized matrix
h	Minimum loss result

On the basis of above, a transition table is given below with following figure :->

- $\delta (q_0, a) \rightarrow q_1$
- $\delta (q_1, b) \rightarrow q_2$
- $\delta (q_2, c) \rightarrow q_0$
- $\delta (q_2, d) \rightarrow q_3$
- $\delta (q_3, e) \rightarrow q_4$
- $\delta (q_4, f) \rightarrow q_5$
- $\delta (q_5, g) \rightarrow q_6$
- $\delta (q_6, h) \rightarrow q_0$

Table 6. A Transition Table

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
q <sub>0</sub>	q <sub>1</sub>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
q <sub>1</sub>	-	q <sub>2</sub>	-	-	-	-	-	-
q <sub>2</sub>	-	-	q <sub>0</sub>	q <sub>3</sub>	-	-	-	-
q <sub>3</sub>	-	-	-	-	q <sub>4</sub>	-	-	-
q <sub>4</sub>	-	-	-	-	-	q <sub>5</sub>	-	-

q <sub>5</sub>	-	-	-	-	-	-	q <sub>6</sub>	-
q <sub>6</sub>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	q <sub>0</sub>

By the use of above grammer different test cases are generated and explained below in brief:-

**Valid Test Case 1:-** *Cyber attacks losses are not optimized*

It is represented by

$$\delta(q_0, a) \rightarrow q_1 \Rightarrow q_0 \rightarrow a q_1$$

$$\delta(q_1, b) \rightarrow q_2 \Rightarrow q_1 \rightarrow b q_2$$

$$\delta(q_2, c) \rightarrow q_0 \Rightarrow q_2 \rightarrow c q_0$$

After changing the states or removing the non terminals, the string is given by

$$q_0 = abc \quad q_0 = abc$$

This represents that the Cyber Attack losses are not optimized.

**Valid Test 2:-** *Cyber attacks losses are optimized*

It is represented by

$$\delta(q_0, a) \rightarrow q_1 \Rightarrow q_0 \rightarrow a q_1$$

$$\delta(q_1, b) \rightarrow q_2 \Rightarrow q_1 \rightarrow b q_2$$

$$\delta(q_2, d) \rightarrow q_3 \Rightarrow q_2 \rightarrow d q_3$$

$$\delta(q_3, e) \rightarrow q_4 \Rightarrow q_3 \rightarrow e q_4$$

$$\delta(q_4, f) \rightarrow q_5 \Rightarrow q_4 \rightarrow f q_5$$

$$\delta(q_5, g) \rightarrow q_6 \Rightarrow q_5 \rightarrow g q_6$$

$$\delta(q_6, h) \rightarrow q_0 \Rightarrow q_6 \rightarrow h q_0$$

After changing the states or removing the non terminals, the string is given by

$$q_0 = abdefghq_0 = abdefgh$$

This represents that the cyber attack losses are optimized which is as per expectation.

## 4. CONCLUSIONS

From the above work it is concluded that the UML is a powerful modeling language which is used to make design of any kind of the research problem and in the above work, it is used for designing of UML activity diagram for minimization of losses from the cyber attacks. The diagram is converted into the FSM for finding the valid test cases which also validate the proposed model. A well known Hungarian approach is used to minimize the cyber attacks and it is observed that the said attacks give the percentage losses to the corresponding departments. The same work can be extended for the finite numbers of the departments and according to the list of cyber attacks and limitation is that the matrix should be NxN matrix which means that the numbers of attacks should be equal to the numbers of the departments.

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