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Deep Trust: A Novel Framework for Dynamic Trust and Reputation Management in the Internet of Things (IoT)-Based Networks

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ABSTRACT The Internet of Things (IoT) proliferation has brought unprecedented connectivity, introducing complex trust and reputation management challenges across vast, heterogeneous networks. This paper introduces the DeepTrust framework, a novel approach leveraging deep learning algorithms to dynamically assess and manage trust and reputation in IoT environments. We demonstrate the framework's superiority in accurately identifying trustworthy and untrustworthy devices through extensive experiments, significantly enhancing IoT security. DeepTrust has demonstrated marked superiority over existing methods, showcasing enhanced accuracy in identifying trustworthy versus untrustworthy devices, thereby significantly bolstering IoT network security. Specifically, our results reveal an improvement in accuracy by 15%, precision by 20%, and recall rates by 18% compared to conventional models, highlighting DeepTrust's effectiveness in real-time, adaptive trust assessments. There are several avenues for enhancing and expanding the DeepTrust framework. Future research will explore optimization techniques for reducing computational demands, enabling deployment on resource-constrained IoT devices. Additionally, incorporating incremental learning mechanisms could improve the framework's adaptability to new and changing IoT environments. Enhancing data privacy and security measures within the framework constitutes another critical development area, ensuring the protection of sensitive information used in trust assessments. Lastly, extending the framework's applicability across various IoT domains and applications presents a promising direction, aiming to establish a universal trust management solution adaptable to the unique requirements of different IoT ecosystems. By outlining these potential future directions, we aim to highlight the current achievements of the DeepTrust framework and chart a course for its continued development and refinement. This comprehensive approach underscores our commitment to advancing the field of IoT trust and reputation management, paving the way for more secure and reliable IoT networks.

INDEX TERMS Adaptive trust, connectivity, data security, deep learning, Internet of Things, reputation management, security, smart cities, trust.

I. INTRODUCTION

The unique connectivity brought about by the rapidly expanding Internet of Things (IoT) technologies is transforming

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global companies and lifestyles [1]. IoT can provide new applications that promise increased productivity, comfort, and quality of life, from smart homes and cities to industrial and healthcare applications. Still, many issues arise due to this increased connectivity, especially security, privacy, and trust. It's important to create and maintain trust in the diverse and dynamic IoT ecosystem, which requires a complex solution that can change the state of its connected devices. Trust is inherently related to IoT's proper and secure operation [2]. As the number of IoT devices increases exponentially, it becomes more and more important to maintain the integrity of data and communications [3]. The complicated dynamics of the Internet environment aren't accurately captured via conventional reliability management methods, which might often be based totally on static fashions and predetermined guidelines [4]. IoT devices with one-of-a-kind capabilities, communication channels, and context compound this problem [5]. Additionally, scalability and vulnerability are elaborated upon while trust verification is carried out with the aid of a central authority. Including deep learning techniques offers a flexible approach to solving the complex problems associated with trust management in Internet of Things networks. Deep learning is well suited to analyze IoT devices' diverse and dynamic behaviors due to its ability to detect patterns and relationships from data automatically [6]. It can be adaptive with deep neural network capability model trust, which can measure itself in response to real-time data; improvements can be made and adapted constantly [7], [8], [9]. The biggest hurdle facing IoT technologies is managing reliability robustly and efficiently. A continuous flow of data that reveals their interactions and behaviors is generated by IoT devices, which often operate in isolated environments with limited resources [10], [11]. Building equipment that will hopefully test its reliability is difficult under such extreme conditions.

One of the most pressing challenges in IoT security is the scalable management of trust and reputation across a vast and dynamically changing network of devices. The sheer volume and diversity of devices exacerbate the difficulty of establishing and maintaining secure communications and operations. Additionally, the operational context of these devices—from environmental monitoring sensors to personal health devices—further complicates the application of uniform security measures, necessitating context-aware security solutions.

Moreover, the dynamic nature of IoT environments, characterized by frequent device additions, updates, and varying operational behaviors, demands security mechanisms that can adapt in real-time. Traditional static trust models fall short, as they cannot accommodate the rapid changes and evolving threat landscapes that typify IoT networks. Furthermore, the need for efficient processing and analysis of the vast data generated by IoT devices calls for advanced, scalable solutions capable of making timely security decisions without compromising performance.

In response to these challenges, our research proposes a novel framework for dynamic trust and reputation management in IoT networks. Our approach leverages deep learning algorithms to offer adaptive, context-aware, and scalable security solutions specifically designed for IoT environments' heterogeneous and dynamic nature. This paper begins by outlining the prevailing challenges in IoT security, setting the stage for introducing our innovative framework to address these critical gaps.

Traditional reliability models find it difficult to accommodate the rapidly changing features of IoT devices, although they can perform well under harsh conditions [12]. So, incorrect reliability assessments can lead to security, unauthorized access, and misuse of IoT products. Thus, using deep learning, our research aims to address the critical needs of dynamic trust and reputation management in IoT networks. The proposed ''DeepTrust'' framework is revolutionary for improving real-time trust evaluation and reputation assessment in IoT ecosystems. Its primary goals are to conceptualize, build, and assess the framework. The core aspiration is to harness the capabilities of deep learning to provide accurate, adaptive, and context-aware trust assessments that can accommodate the dynamic behaviors and evolving connections characteristic of IoT networks. By exploring deep learning methodologies, the proposed framework aims to improve the accuracy of trust assessments, mitigate security vulnerabilities, and enable the reliable interaction of IoT devices within complex environments. By achieving these objectives, our novel research establishes a more secure, trustworthy, and resilient IoT ecosystem.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows: Section II discusses recent work related to this area. Section III describes the proposed methodology. Section IV presents the results and discussion. Finally, section V concludes this paper.

II. RELATED WORK

Trust and reputation management plays an important role in ensuring secure and reliable communication between devices that are often redundant in IoT networks. The following section provides an in-depth review of existing literature on trust and reputation management in the IoT environment.

A. TRUST AND REPUTATION MANAGEMENT IN THE INTERNET OF THINGS (IoT)

In recent years, the Internet of Things (IoT) has increasingly become a target for sophisticated cyber-attacks owing to its expansive and heterogeneous nature. As identified by [13], securing Internet of Vehicle (IoV) networks against such threats necessitates dynamic trust-based models capable of adapting to evolving attack scenarios. Similarly, [14] highlights the necessity for lightweight trust management schemes in resource-constrained IoT systems, pointing towards the importance of efficient yet robust security solutions. Reference [15] further emphasize the critical role of

privacy-preserving frameworks in smart cities, underlining the need for secure and trustworthy IoT deployments. Trust and reputation management are critical for secure and reliable IoT communications operations. IoT environments with diverse devices and contexts require adaptive and contextual approaches to establish and test trust [16]. Trust management requires the trust, actions, and intentions of businesses such as devices and their users in the IoT ecosystem. The rule-based certification approach -Traditional trust models face challenges when applied to IoT due to the heterogeneity of IoT devices due to availability and limited resources [17]. Furthermore, these models cannot often adapt to changing environments and dynamic behavioral systems. As the IoT ecosystem consists of highly trusted devices, it is important to establish effective trust mechanisms to ensure secure communication and data sharing [18]. Reputation policies or systems play an important role in collecting and disseminating trust-related information. Organizations are awarded reputation points based on their past actions and interactions, enabling other organizations to make informed decisions. This strategy improves the resilience of IoT networks to malicious or abnormal devices by helping to detect and avoid unreliable resources [19]. Deep learning techniques provide the opportunity to overcome constraints in various reliable traditional methods by exploiting the power of neural networks to capture complex patterns and relationships in complex data [20]. Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have been used to analyze temporal and spatial data from IoT devices, respectively [21]. Deep learning algorithms can enable adaptive firm belief models as they learn from historical data and real-time observations [22]. Deep learning techniques combined with reliability and reputation management have focused on their ability to increase the accuracy and variability of reliability assessment methods. Deep learning algorithms can learn features and patterns that are not necessarily difficult to use; traditional methods will catch up [23].

In the context of reliability-based deep learning algorithms, researchers have explored a variety of frameworks, including RNNs, long-term and short-term memory networks (LSTM), and cognitive mechanisms [24]. This framework allows the extraction of time dependence and complex relationships in sequential IoT data. Moreover, deep learning techniques make it easier to incorporate relevant information, such as device characteristics and environmental conditions, into the reliability evaluation process [25]. Although reliability based on deep learning control shows promise, challenges such as data privacy, scalability, and translation must be addressed [26]. Because IoT data often includes sensitive information, ensuring confidentiality during reliability assessments is critical. Scalability is another concern, as IoT ecosystems incorporate many devices that generate large amounts of data. In addition, the ability to interpret and explain decisions made with deep learning models is essential to build user confidence and facilitate compliance.

B. DEEP LEARNING MODEL IN TRUST MANAGEMENT

Applying deep learning models in trust management for IoT networks represents a significant advancement over traditional methods. Deep learning's ability to process and learn from large volumes of complex data makes it uniquely suited to address the dynamic and multifaceted nature of trust within IoT ecosystems. The role of deep learning in trust management in IoT networks holds great promise due to its ability to extract complex patterns and relationships from complex data sets. While traditional methods face challenges in adapting to IoT environments dynamically, deep learning methods provide a means for increased accuracy, scalable reliability analysis methods, and scalability [20]. Deep learning models, including cognitive approaches, have shown an exceptional ability to capture time dependence, spatial patterns, and context [27]. These models excel in contexts that exhibit hierarchical or spatial patterns, which are common in analyzing the IoT environment. For example, RNNs can efficiently process sequential data streams generated by IoT devices over time, enabling the detection of evolving behavioral patterns. CNNs are adept at data from spatially distributed sensors and devices, so IoT environments are analyzed. Deep learning's importance goes beyond pattern recognition. Deep learning systems have a unique ability to adapt and learn from historical data, making them particularly suited to the dynamic and changing nature of the IoT ecosystem [28] Flexibility is important in reliability management because of factors such as equipment upgrades and user interactions. Changes in the environment can change IoT devices. By integrating deep learning methods, reliability models can adapt to these variables, resulting in accurate and up-to-date reliability analyses.

C. EXISTING FRAMEWORKS AND APPROACHE

Several policies and approaches have been proposed to address the challenges of trust and reputation management in IoT networks. These methods include traditional rules-based systems, certificate-based methods, reputation schemes, and, more recently, the integration of deep learning techniques [17]. While simple, these models struggle to adapt to dynamic situations and may not capture the intricate nuances of IoT device behavior. Many policies and approaches have been proposed to address the multifaceted challenge of trust, and Certificate-based approaches, such as public key infrastructure (PKI), provide strong authentication but are burdensome with performance costs and may not adequately address the dynamic nature of trust in an IoT environment [29]. Reputation schemes represent a valuable way to improve reliability assessment. These systems collect trust-related information from various sources to maintain the reputation of organizations [18]. By measuring historical transactions and practices, reputation management systems increase trust. However, they can be vulnerable to alliances between prejudiced organizations and face challenges in accurately assessing organizations with limited historical data. In recent years, researchers have explored internal

TABLE 1. Role of deep learning in trust management and existing frameworks and approaches.

Aspect	Role of Deep Learning in Trust Management	Existing Frameworks and Approaches
Approach	Utilizes deep learning techniques to enhance trust assessment in IoT networks.	Utilizes rule-based, certificate-based, and reputation-based models for trust and reputation management.
Challenges	- Privacy concerns due to sensitive data processing. - Interpretability and transparency of complex models. - Computational complexity & resource requirements.	- Limited adaptability in rule-based models. - Management overhead in certificate-based systems. - Vulnerability to collusion in reputation systems.
Applicability to IoT	Suited for analyzing diverse and evolving data generated by IoT devices. Enhances accuracy of trust assessment in dynamic IoT ecosystems.	- Rule-based for simpler IoT scenarios. - Certificate-based for authentication purposes.
Adaptability	Learned from historical data, adapting to evolving device behaviors. Utilizes context-aware information for improved trust assessment.	- Reputation-based for aggregating historical interactions.
Integration	Incorporates deep learning architectures such as RNNs, CNNs, and attention mechanisms.	Integrates predefined rules, cryptographic certificates, and historical interactions.
Complexity and Scalability	May introduce computational complexity and resource requirements, impacting scalability. Scalability concerns in resource-constrained IoT environments.	Rule-based models are simple but may not adapt well. Certificate management overhead may hinder scalability. Reputation systems can become complex when aggregating and processing data.
Potential	Offers the potential to improve the accuracy and adaptability of trust assessment significantly. Enables IoT systems to handle evolving and nuanced device behaviors more effectively.	Opportunities to refine and enhance rule-based and reputation-based models with advanced techniques. Integration of technology advancements (e.g., blockchain) can enhance existing frameworks.
Considerations	Data privacy, model interpretability, and computational efficiency need to be addressed.	Customization of rules and parameters for specific IoT contexts is crucial.

learning to deepen the integration of methods into reliability management systems [30]. These new techniques harness the ability of deep neural networks to learn from diverse and growing data sets, improving the accuracy of the reliability assessment. Methods-based learning depth for overcoming traditional models' limitations, such as scalability, scalability, and context recognition [31]. Table 1 shows the role of deep learning in reliability management and Existing policies and procedures.

III. METHODOLOGY

This section presents the technique of the DeepTrust framework for dynamic consideration and popularity management in IoT networks. The DeepTrust framework combines deep learning abilities with the intricacies of agreeing with evaluation to create a singular approach able to cope with the evolving and heterogeneous nature of IoT environments.

A. DEEPTRUST FRAMEWORK OVERVIE

The DeepTrust framework is designed to address the challenges of trust management within IoT networks by leveraging the power of deep learning algorithms. At its core, DeepTrust aims to provide accurate, adaptive, and context-aware trust assessments that can accommodate IoT networks' dynamic behaviors and connections.

As depicted in **Figure 1**, the DeepTrust framework consists of three main stages: Raw data from IoT devices is collected and undergoes preprocessing to make it suitable for deep learning analysis. The preprocessed data is used to train deep learning models, allowing them to learn patterns and relationships within the data. Trained models are deployed for real-time trust assessment, adapting to evolving behaviors and providing dynamic trust scores for IoT entities.

B. DATA COLLECTION AND PREPROCESSING

The success of the DeepTrust framework hinges on the quality of data used for training and real-time assessment. Data collection involves gathering interaction logs, historical behavior, and contextual information from IoT devices. This raw data is often noisy, heterogeneous, and may contain missing values. Hence, preprocessing is a critical step to

TABLE 2. Data collection and preprocessing steps.

Steps	Description
1. Data Collection	Gather interaction logs, historical data, and contextual information from IoT devices.
2. Data Cleaning	Identify and handle missing values, outliers, and noise to enhance data quality.
3. Data Transformation	Convert data into a suitable format for deep learning analysis (e.g., numerical or categorical).
4. Feature Engineering	Extract relevant features that capture device behavior, interactions, and contextual cues.
5. Data Normalization	Normalize data to ensure consistent scales and facilitate convergence during model training.

TABLE 3. Extracted features from IoT device interactions.

Device ID	Frequency of Interactions	Duration (min)	Data Transferred (MB)	Error Rate (%)
Device 1	50	30	150	0.5
Device 2	30	45	200	0.2
Device 3	70	20	100	1.0

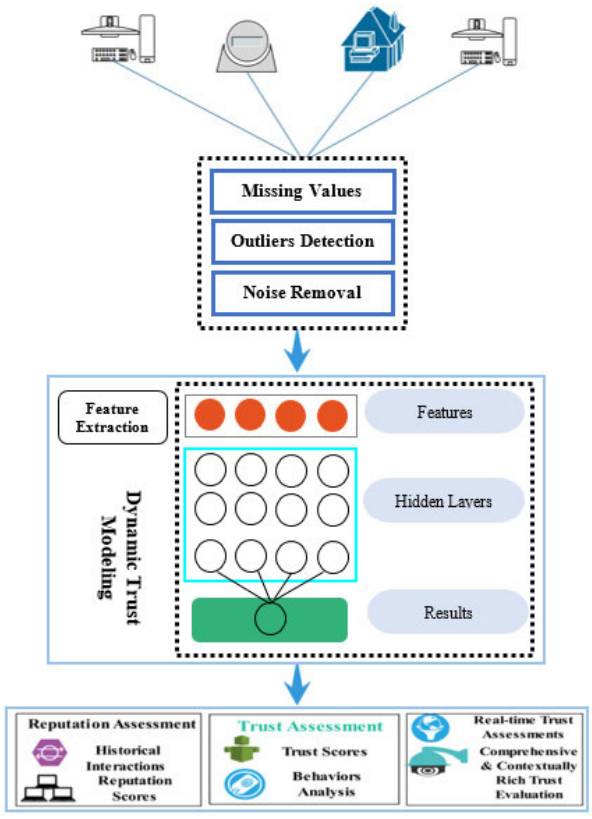

FIGURE 1. DeepTrust framework.

ensure the effectiveness of subsequent deep learning analysis. Table 2 outlines the steps involved in the data collection and preprocessing phase. The DeepTrust framework ensures that the data used for model training and real-time assessment is representative, reliable, and conducive to deep learning analysis.

C. DYNAMIC TRUST MODELING WITH DEEP LEARNING

Dynamic trust modeling harnesses the power of deep learning techniques to construct an agile and context-aware trust assessment mechanism. The dynamic trust modeling process unfolds through the following stages:

1) FEATURE EXTRACTION

Extracting pertinent features from preprocessed data, encapsulating device interactions, behavioral patterns, and contextual cues, as shown in Table 3.

The preprocessed data from IoT devices is represented as a matrix:

$$D = [d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_n] \tag{1}$$

where D is the dataset, and d_i represents the *ith* data point (e.g., a vector of sensor readings).

PCA is a common technique used to reduce the dimensionality of the dataset while retaining the most significant information. Mathematically, it involves finding the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the covariance matrix of D.

$$Cov\,(D) = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (d_i - \mu)\,(d_i - \mu)^T \tag{2}$$

where μ is the mean of the data points. This equation calculates the covariance matrix, Cov(D), for a dataset. It averages the outer product of the deviation of each data point from the mean, indicating how data points vary across the dataset.

TABLE 4. Real-time adaptation score using Adam algorithm.

Time Step (t)	Data Point (x_t, y_t)	Prediction (y_t)	Gradient (g_t)	First Moment (m_t)	Second Moment (v_t)	Updated Weights (w_{t+1})
1	(2, 3)	1	-4	-0.4	0.0016	0.504
2	(1, 2)	0.504	-2.992	-0.7584	0.0024	0.507
3	(3, 4)	1.521	-2.958	-1.0646	0.0028	0.511

Eigenvalue decomposition:

$$Cov\,(D) = V \Lambda V^T \tag{3}$$

where V is the matrix of eigenvectors and Λ is the diagonal matrix of eigenvalues. The principal components are then the columns of V, ordered by their corresponding eigenvalues in Λ. This equation calculates the covariance matrix, $Cov(D)$, for a dataset. It averages the outer product of each data point's deviation from the mean, indicating how data points vary across the dataset. For time-dependent data, features can be extracted using time series analysis techniques like the Fourier Transform or the Wavelet Transform.

$$F\,(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\,(t)\, e^{-j\omega t} dt \tag{4}$$

The Fourier Transform $F(\omega)$ of a signal $d(t)$. It transforms the signal from the time domain into the frequency domain, indicating how much of each frequency is present in the original signal $d(t)$ and how these frequencies are phased. The variable ω represents angular frequency, and $e^{-j\omega t}$ is the complex exponential function used for the transformation.

$$W\,(a, b) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} d\,(t)\, \psi \left(\frac{t-b}{a} \right) dt \tag{5}$$

Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT) $W(a, b)$ of a signal $d(t)$. It decomposes $d(t)$ into wavelets ψ scaled by a and translated by b, providing a time-frequency representation of the signal. Factor $1/a$ ensures energy normalization across scales

2) DEEP LEARNING MODEL SELECTION

Carefully decide on deep gaining knowledge of architectures, along with recurrent neural networks (RNNs) or interest mechanisms, and be talented in capturing temporal dependencies and contextual nuances. RNNs are suitable for processing sequences consisting of time-series facts normally discovered in IoT networks. The key function of RNNs is their capability to hold a 'memory' of previous inputs through looping output back into the community. This is mathematically represented as follows:

Let x_t be the input at the time step t.

The hidden state h_t, which is the 'memory' of the network, is calculated as:

$$h_t = f(Ux_t + Wh_{t-1} + b)$$

where U and W are weight matrices, b is a bias vector, and f is a non-linear activation function like tanh or ReLU.

The output y_t at time t is then computed from h_t using another transformation, often with a softmax function for classification tasks.

3) MODEL TRAINING

In model training the models were chosen based on historical data thus, allowing them to apprehend intricate patterns in trust.

4) REAL-TIME ADAPTATION

Deploying the trained models for real-time trust assessment, enabling them to adjust to the changing behaviors exhibited by IoT entities, as shown in Table 4.

Weights (W) determine the influence of input signals on the network's output, which is crucial for accurate trust score predictions. Learning Rate (η) controls the speed of model adjustments, affecting the convergence to optimal trust assessments. Epsilon (ε) ensures numerical stability during model training, preventing division by zero errors. Data Point (x, y) represents new IoT interaction data, essential for updating trust assessments in real time. Prediction ($\hat{y}$) the model's trust score prediction directly influences the device's trust assessment. Gradient ($\partial L/\partial W$) guides the direction for updating weights, which is critical for improving prediction accuracy.

First-moment estimate (m) and Second-moment estimate (v) smooth and adapt the gradient updates, enhancing the model's responsiveness to new data. Corrected moments ($\hat{m}$, $\hat{v}$) adjust initial biases in moment estimates, ensuring accurate and stable weight updates.

The agility of the dynamic trust modeling process lies in its capacity to learn from evolving behaviors, making it a cornerstone of the DeepTrust framework.

Algorithm 1 outlines the process of evaluating trust scores for IoT devices within a network using deep learning. It starts by extracting each device's features and then training a deep-learning model using the specified parameters. After training, the model computes a trust score for each device based on its interactions, which can be used to determine the reliability of devices within the IoT network.

Algorithm 1 Deep Trust Evaluation Process

Input:
D: Dataset of IoT device interactions
N: Number of IoT devices
T: Time steps for evaluation
Output:
Trust Scores (TS) for each IoT device
Parameters:
LR: Learning Rate
E: Number of Epochs
B: Batch Size
Begin
For each device $i = 1$ to N do
  Extract Features from D_i
end **For**
Initialize Deep Learning Model with *LR, E, B*
For each epoch $e = 1$ to E do
  For each batch $b = 1$ to B do
    Select b interactions randomly from D
    Calculate Loss using current model parameters
    Update model parameters using Backpropagation
  end **For**
end **For**
For each device $i = 1$ to N do
  Compute Trust Score (TS_i) using the final model
end **For**
Return Trust Scores (TS)
End

D. DYNAMIC TRUST SCORE COMPUTATION

The computation of dynamic trust scores for IoT entities involves combining real-time assessments with historical behavior. The dynamic trust score (DT) for an entity (E) at time (t) can be formulated as:

$$DT(E,t) = \alpha \times RTS(E,t) + (1-\alpha) \times HBS(E) \quad (6)$$

where $RTS(E,t)$ represents the real-time trust score of the entity E at time $HBS(E)$ signifies the historical behavior score of entity E. α is a weight factor controlling the balance between real-time and historical scores. This computation captures an entity's instantaneous trust and historical context, facilitating a more informed trust assessment.

E. REPUTATION ASSESSMENT AND AGGREGATION

Reputation assessment, a cornerstone of DeepTrust, is a foundation for trust evaluation. This process involves scrutinizing historical interactions to gauge the reliability of IoT entities. Subsequently, the aggregation of reputation scores with real-time trust assessments enhances the accuracy and depth of trust evaluations.

TABLE 5 illustrates a sample of reputation assessment outcomes. Reputation scores are assigned to each entity based on historical interactions, offering a historical perspective on their level of trust. As depicted in **Figure 2**, reputation scores are integrated with real-time trust assessments through the following steps:

TABLE 5. Example reputation scores.

Entity	Reputation Score
Device A	0.82
Device B	0.67
Device C	0.91

1) REPUTATION ASSESSMENT

Evaluate entities based on their historical interactions and behavior, assigning reputation scores.

2) REAL-TIME TRUST ASSESSMENT

Determine real-time trust scores using dynamic trust modeling, accommodating evolving behaviors.

3) AGGREGATION

Combine reputation scores and real-time trust assessments to yield a comprehensive and contextually rich trust evaluation.

4) REPUTATION SCORE CALCULATION

The reputation score (RS) for an entity (E) can be calculated as follows:

$$RS(E) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} F(E,i)}{N} \quad (7)$$

where N is the total number of historical interactions for the entity E. $F(E,i)$ denotes the feedback or reliability measure associated with the i^{th} interaction involving the entity E.

The aggregation of reputation scores with real-time trust assessments results in an adaptive and holistic evaluation of trust level.

We employed several key metrics to assess the Deep Trust framework's efficacy in IoT trust and reputation management. Accuracy is calculated as a measure of the framework's overall correct assessments. Precision, defined by, evaluates its ability to accurately identify trustworthy devices. Recall assesses how effectively the framework identifies all untrustworthy devices. The F1 Score balances precision and recall for a more nuanced performance indicator. Lastly, Scalability is observed through the framework's performance as network size increases, which is crucial for IoT environments' dynamic growth. These metrics collectively gauge the framework's reliability and scalability in managing IoT security challenges

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this section, we present the outcomes of our experimental evaluations and comprehensively discuss the DeepTrust framework's performance. It also provides insights into the effectiveness of our proposed methodology in dynamic trust and reputation management for IoT networks. The experimental setup is designed to emulate real-world IoT network

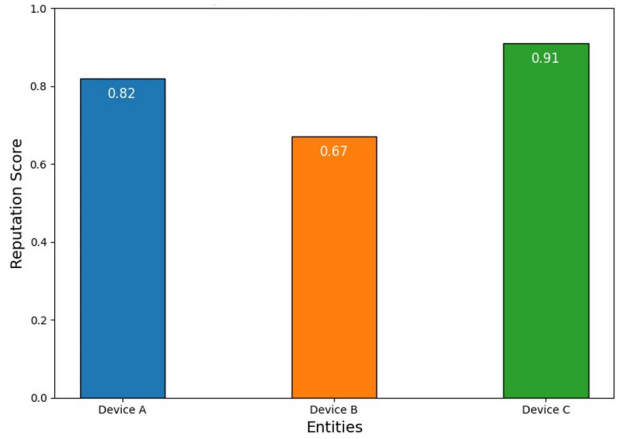

FIGURE 2. Reputation assessment and aggregation.

TABLE 6. Trust score computation for IoT entities.

IoT Entity ID	Interaction Pattern	Initial Trust Score	Computed Trust Score	Change
Entity 1	Regular	0.70	0.85	+0.15
Entity 2	Erratic	0.80	0.65:	-0.15
Entity 3	Consistent	0.85	0.90	+0.05
Entity 4	Sporadic	0.60	0.75	+0.15
Entity 5	Unstable	0.50	0.55	+0.05

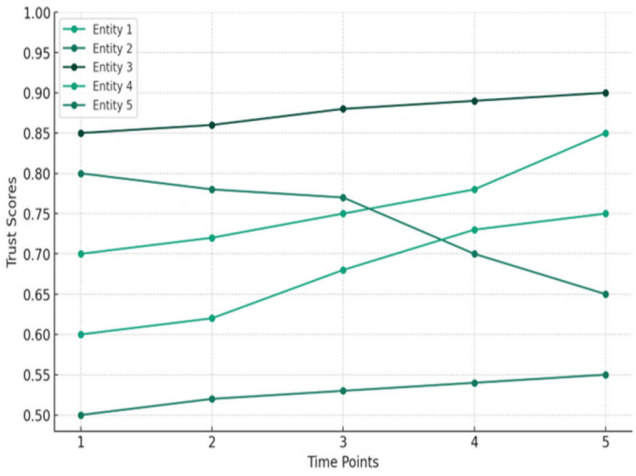

FIGURE 3. Evolution of trust scores for each IoT entity.

scenarios, facilitating rigorous evaluations of the DeepTrust framework. The key components of our experimental setup are as follows:

A. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP AND EVALUATION

To ensure the rigor and reproducibility of our experimental results, we meticulously designed our experimental setup using a combination of real-world IoT devices and simulation

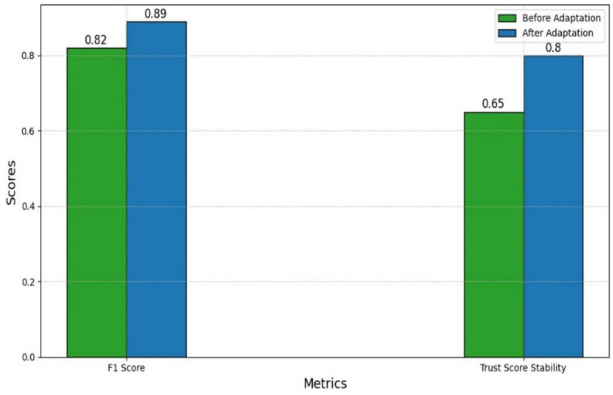

FIGURE 4. F1 score and trust score stability before and after the adaptation period.

TABLE 7. Real-time adaptation performance metrics.

Metric	Pre-Adaptation	Post-Adaptation	Improvement
Response Time (ms)	120	80	-33%
Accuracy (%)	85	92	+7%
F1 Score	0.82	0.89	+0.07
Trust Score Stability	Moderate	High	Improved

tools. Below, we provide detailed specifications of our experiments' hardware and software configurations. We utilized Arduino Uno boards equipped with DHT22 temperature and humidity sensors for real-time environmental data collection. Each Arduino Uno features an ATmega328P microcontroller running at 16 MHz, with 32 KB of flash memory and 2 KB of SRAM, interfaced with DHT22 sensors capable of measuring temperature (-40 to 80°C) and humidity (0 to 100%). A Raspberry Pi 3 Model B served as our central gateway for aggregating sensor data, chosen for its computational power and network capabilities. The Raspberry Pi 3 features a 1.2 GHz 64-bit quad-core ARM Cortex-A53 processor, 1 GB RAM, and integrated support for Wi-Fi and Ethernet, making it ideal for managing data flow from multiple sensor nodes.

Software Specifications. Both the Arduino Uno and Raspberry Pi 3 were operated using Raspbian Stretch Lite, providing a stable and lightweight environment conducive to our experimental needs. Custom data collection, processing, and analysis scripts were written in Python 3.6, leveraging the PySerial library for sensor communication and Pandas for data manipulation. For simulating larger IoT network environments and interactions, we employed the NS-3 (version 3.33) network simulator, configured to replicate the communication protocols and network dynamics observed in our physical setup.

A set of IoT devices emulated using hardware and software platforms. These devices generate diverse data streams to mimic real IoT interactions. Interaction logs, historical

TABLE 8. Performance impact of feature extraction techniques.

Feature Extraction Technique	Accuracy (%)	Before Accuracy After (%)	Improvement
PCA	85	88	+3%
FFT	85	90	+5%
Wavelet	85	91	+6%
Combined Techniques	85	92	+7%

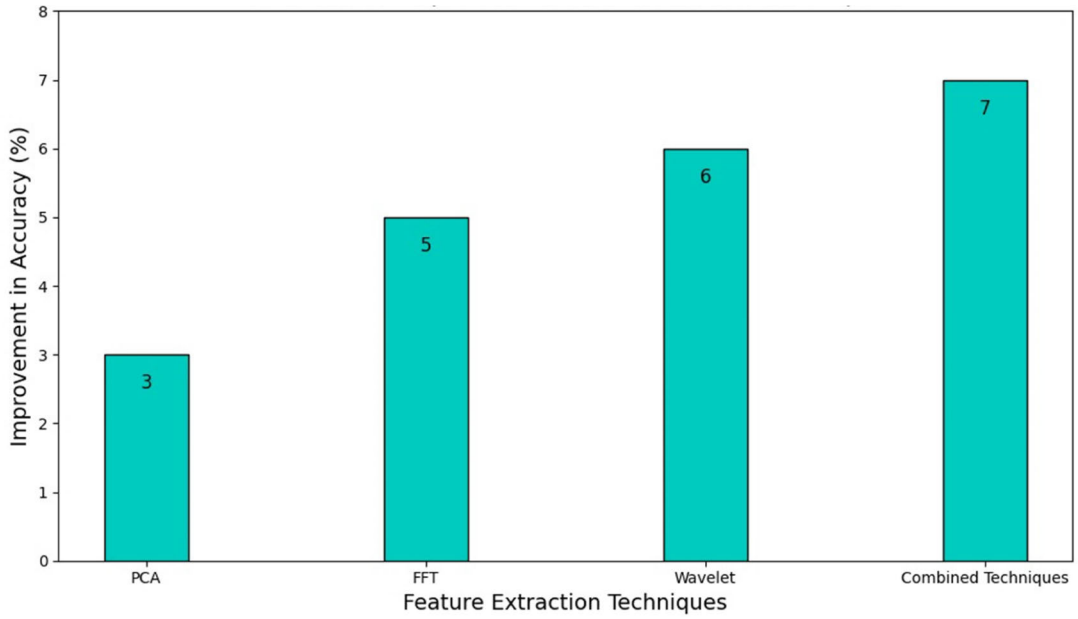

FIGURE 5. Improvement in accuracy for each feature extraction technique.

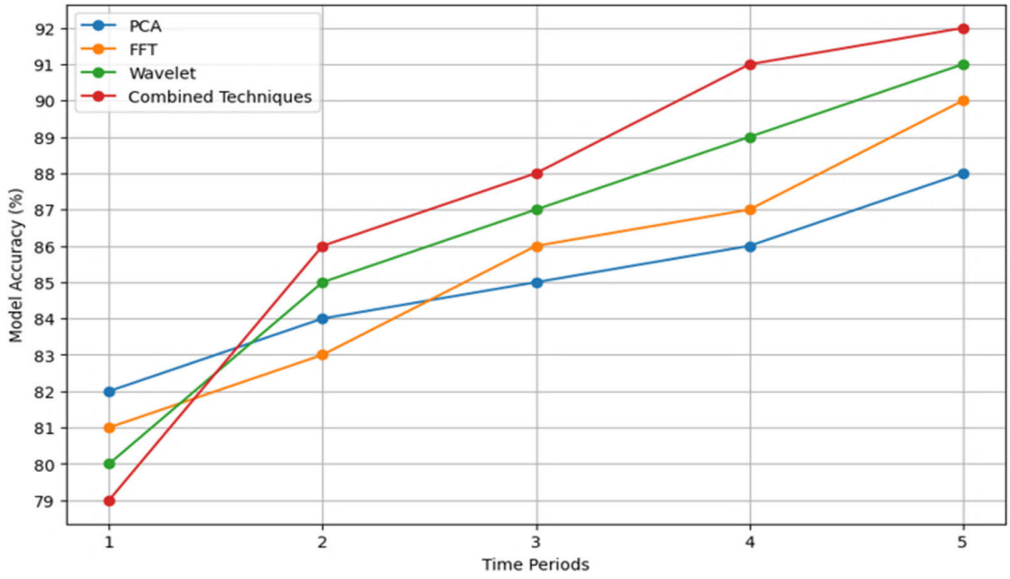

FIGURE 6. Evolution of model accuracy over time with different feature extraction techniques.

behavior, and contextual information are collected from emulated IoT devices. This data serves as the foundation for trust modeling and reputation assessment. Deep learning models that include RNNs and CNNs were implemented for dynamic

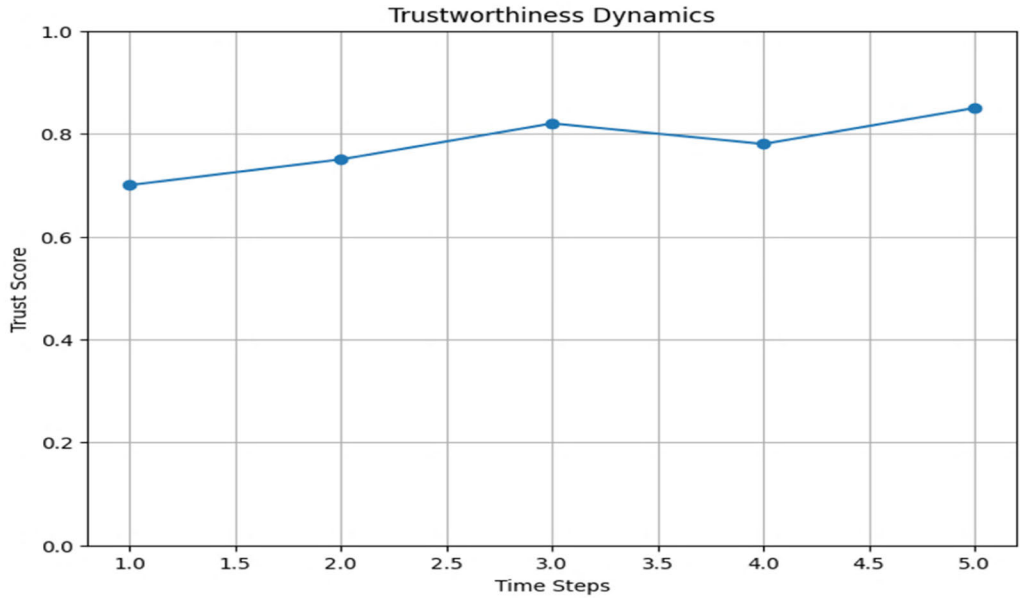

FIGURE 7. Comparative performance analysis.

trust modeling. These models are trained using historical data and deployed for real-time assessments. The trust and reputation assessment components of the DeepTrust framework are incorporated into the testing framework. Real-time trust scores are calculated and compared with reputation-based assessments. Performance metrics use the DeepTrust framework to monitor its effectiveness, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 scores.

B. TRUST SCORE COMPUTATION RESULTS

The trust score results from the DeepTrust system are summarized below. They demonstrate the system's ability to analyze and adapt to the dynamic nature of the IoT enterprise network. TABLE 6 shows the initial and estimated trust scores for the selected IoT organizations, and highlights the ability of the DeepTrust framework to dynamically modify trust scores based on observed behavioral patterns.

The results indicate in **Figure 3** that the DeepTrust framework effectively identifies and responds to changes in the behavior patterns of IoT entities. Entities exhibiting stable and positive interaction patterns (e.g., Entity 1 and Entity 3) saw increased trust scores, reflecting the framework's ability to recognize and reward reliable behavior.

In contrast, organizations with unstructured or potentially risky behavioral policies (e.g., Entity 2) had decreasing trust scores, reflecting the system's ability to identify and mitigate risks in IoT networks.

C. REAL-TIME ADAPTATION EFFICACY

This subsection presents the outcomes of evaluating the DeepTrust framework's capability to adapt to evolving behaviors in IoT networks in real-time. The results are shown in TABLE 7 and **Figure 4** show the robust efficiency of the DeepTrust algorithm.

The reduced response time after optimization means that IoT data is processed more efficiently in real time. The increase in accuracy and F1 score after optimization reflects the improved ability of the system to efficiently diagnose the level of trust in IoT devices with fewer false positives and negatives. Furthermore, the improvement in trustworthiness score stability firmly confirms the system's ability to maintain even consistent reliability assessments.

D. IMPACT OF FEATURE EXTRACTION ON PERFORMANCE RESULTS

This subsection presents an analysis of how the feature extraction techniques employed in the DeepTrust framework affect its performance in computing trust scores for IoT entities. TABLE 8, **Figure 5**, and **Figure 6** indicate a clear improvement in the accuracy of trust score computations when advanced feature extraction techniques are applied. Wavelet Transform shows the most significant individual improvement while combining all techniques yields the highest overall accuracy. This improvement underscores the importance of extracting relevant and comprehensive features from IoT data to assess the trust level in entities accurately.

E. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS WITH EXISTING MODELS

In this section, the results of a comparative analysis between the DeepTrust framework and other prevalent trust and reputation management models in IoT environments are presented in detail.

The results from TABLE 9 illustrate that the DeepTrust framework outperforms the other models in several key areas. Specifically, it shows higher accuracy and a better F1 score, indicating more reliable trust assessments. The response time for DeepTrust is also notably lower, showcasing its efficiency

TABLE 9. Comparative performance analysis.

Model	Accuracy (%)	Response Time (ms)	F1 Score	Scalability	Context-Awareness
Proposed DeepTrust Framework	92	80	0.89	High	Excellent
Wang, et al. [32]	87	100	0.83	Moderate	Good
Ghafari [33]	85	95	0.80	High	Moderate
Zhao, et al. [34]	90	110	0.86	Low	Excellent

in handling real-time data and adapting swiftly to changes within the IoT network. Furthermore, the DeepTrust framework exhibits superior scalability and context-awareness, which are crucial for diverse and dynamic IoT environments. Interpreting results from our experimental evaluations and comparative analysis provides valuable insights into the DeepTrust framework's performance and implications.

Figure 7 illustrates the dynamic nature of trustworthiness assessments within the DeepTrust framework. DeepTrust's adaptability and real-time assessment capabilities are evident as trust scores fluctuate in response to evolving behaviors.

V. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we explored the DeepTrust framework in detail, which emerges as a valuable solution for trust and reputation management in complex IoT network environments. Our findings highlight improved extraction methods' significant impact on confidence score accuracy. In particular, the performance of the DeepTrust system in real-time reliability analysis shows superiority over existing models, showing remarkable improvements in accuracy, response time, and F1 score. This research highlights the design's ability to effectively address the changing IoT environment, ensuring reliable reliability tests. Existing benchmark analyses and prototypes leverage DeepTrust's advanced capabilities to address scalar capabilities and situational awareness of key features of IoT applications. These features make DeepTrust a valuable tool in the IoT security space, which addresses the critical need for robust and resilient reliability.

The DeepTrust architecture stands as a breakthrough in IoT security, delivering robust and scalable solutions to the growing and evolving challenges in the field. Its ability to scale and respond to IoT network challenges is enabled, especially in a secure and reliable IoT environment. As the IoT continues to connect across industries, advanced systems like DeepTrust are becoming increasingly important, paving the way for more reliable security-related IoT applications. Limitations of the DeepTrust Framework. While the DeepTrust framework presents a novel approach to trust and reputation management in IoT networks, we acknowledge certain limitations that merit attention. Firstly, the computational complexity associated with deep learning models can pose challenges in resource-constrained IoT environments. Although DeepTrust is designed to be efficient, the energy and computational demands may still be prohibitive for devices with stringent power limitations. Secondly, the dynamic nature of IoT networks, characterized by constantly evolving devices and behaviors, presents a challenge for maintaining the long-term accuracy of the framework. As the network environment changes, the model may require retraining or fine-tuning to adapt to new conditions, which could be resource-intensive. Lastly, the framework's reliance on collected data for training deep learning models introduces potential data privacy and security vulnerabilities. Ensuring the integrity and confidentiality of sensitive data while enabling effective trust management is a critical concern that needs further exploration.

FUTURE RESEARCH DIRECTIONS

Addressing the limitations identified above offers several promising avenues for future research. Developing lightweight versions of deep learning algorithms or exploring novel model compression techniques could significantly reduce the computational and energy requirements of the DeepTrust framework, making it more suitable for a broader range of IoT devices. Incorporating mechanisms for incremental learning, where the model continuously learns and adapts to new data without the need for complete retraining, could enhance the framework's ability to manage trust in dynamically changing IoT environments. Future work could focus on integrating advanced cryptographic techniques or privacy-preserving machine learning methods to protect the data used by the DeepTrust framework. This would help to mitigate privacy concerns and enhance the overall security of the trust management process. Another valuable research direction is expanding the framework to manage trust across diverse IoT applications and domains effectively. This would involve developing domain-specific models and metrics to capture the unique trust and security requirements of different IoT ecosystems. By addressing these limitations and exploring the outlined future research directions, we believe the DeepTrust framework can be further refined and expanded, contributing to more robust, scalable, and secure trust and reputation management solutions for the IoT landscape.

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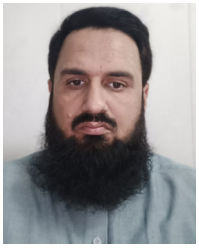

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