

A Novel Approach to Detect Malicious User Node by Cognition in Heterogeneous Wireless Networks

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Abstract

Cognitive Networks are characterized by their intelligence and adaptability. Securing layered heterogeneous network architectures has always posed a major challenge to researchers. In this paper, the Observe, Orient, Decide and Act (OODA) loop is adopted to achieve cognition. Intelligence is incorporated by the use of discrete time dynamic neural networks. The use of dynamic neural networks is considered, to monitor the instantaneous changes that occur in heterogeneous network environments when compared to static neural networks. Malicious user node identification is achieved by monitoring the service request rates generated to the cognitive servers. The results and the experimental study presented in this paper prove the improved efficiency in terms of malicious node detection and malicious transaction classification when compared to the existing systems.

Index terms— cognitive networks, network security, OODA, dynamic neural networks, malicious node detection.

1 A Novel Approach to Detect Malicious User Node by Cognition in Heterogeneous Wireless Networks

Introduction ow a day's Provisioning of security in networks has become challenge to researchers. The mechanisms currently employed are lack of adaptability to the unknown dynamic network conditions. The layered architecture adopted by the current network deployments lacking intelligent communication, lead to reduced network performance and unaware circumstances that arise at each level of the network architecture lead to reduced network performance. The amendments in the layered architecture are carried out post occurrences of problems or malicious activities. The need for secure intelligent and adaptable mechanisms is mandatory. Such mechanisms can be realized based on cognition loop or the OODA loop [1] [2]. Where the network conditions are observed, orientations and adoptions are achieved by intelligence, decisive actions are formulated and these decisions are applied to the network at the acting stage of the OODA loop. Such intelligent and adaptable networks are known as "Cognitive Networks" [3].

The cognitive network approach to secure networks from malicious user nodes or malicious activity is comparatively new and unique. Machine leaning techniques like fuzzy logic, self-organizing maps, neural networks can be used to incorporate intelligence into cognitive systems [4]. In this paper we introduce a discrete time dynamic neural network methodology to incorporate intelligence [5] [6]. Adoption of Cognition is based on the network metrics, parameters and patterns [7]. The cognitive network facilitates output in the form of certain actions that can be implemented for modifying the reconfigurable network policies, network components or network elements.

2 i. Cognitive radio (CR)

The Cognitive radio [1] (CR) is defined as "a radio that is aware of its environment or surroundings and adapts it intelligently". The cognition itself is an elusive quality which appears to be cognitive or intelligent prior to

implementation is often dismissed as merely "adaptive" afterwards. A number of factors motivate CRs. CR is a transceiver system that is solely designed for using the best available wireless channel or resource in vicinity. Such kind of radio automatically detects the available bandwidth or spectrum resources and then it changes its transmission or reception parameters for permitting more synchronized wireless communication in a provided spectrum band even at the same location.

The need for cognition is driven by the complexity of the radio systems themselves. The existence of software defined radio (SDRs) capable of implementing a near endless number of different waveforms with different modulation schemes, power levels, error control codes, carrier frequencies, etc., means that controlling the radio becomes a problem of combinatorial optimization. Such problems are often computationally hard and lend themselves to solutions based on meta heuristic optimization methods based on simple search guided by higher level strategy. The application of such meta heuristic, which often appear to learn and innovate in turn, characteristic of work in artificial intelligence.

3 ii. Cognitive Networks

In order to achieve the seamless adaptation of radio link parameters, opportunistic use of underutilized spectrum, to get the higher flexibility in modulation and waveform Selection, the scientific or research society has seen an extraordinary progress in system or network development by implementing cognitive techniques. Cognitive Network is the best solution to attain the above mentioned requirements.

Cognitive Network [3] can be defined as an intelligent network encompassing the cognitive process which can perform a goal of achieving current network circumstances, planning, taking certain decision, acting on those perceived conditions, extracting or learning from the consequences of its previous or current actions, all while following end-to-end goals. The important component of cognitive network is its Cognition Loop that senses the circumstances, plans the actions to be taken and even according to input from sensors and network policies. It decides which solution or decision might be most effective for achieving end-to-end purpose. These characteristics facilitates the network systems to learn from the past about the situations, plans, decisions, actions and then using experiences for improving the decision in future.

4 b) Objectives

In this paper, we have considered the use of cognition engines to identify the malicious users that are present within a heterogeneous network offering services. Malicious activity inducted through network transactions can be identified by monitoring the service request rates of the user's nodes [8] [9] [10]. In order to analyze effectively, instantaneously and to adapt the diverse network service rates, we introduce the discrete time dynamic neural network cognition engine. Access control mechanisms are critical in provisioning of network security. The proposed cognition mechanism considers the Physical Architecture Description Layer (PADL) structure for access control [11].

5 c) Organization

This paper organization is as follows. Section two explains about literature survey. The background is discussed in the section three. The proposed system model is explained in section four. The Performance Evaluation and conclusions are discussed in the subsequent sections.

6 II.

Literature Survey R.W. Thomas et al [3] provides the definition and introduction of "Cognitive Networks". In this research work, Software Adaptable Networks is considered to achieve cognition in networks. This paper also discusses a case study to demonstrate the concepts of cognitive networks based on the OODA Loop. The case study is targeted to maximize the time taken to connect between a source node and one or more destination nodes. The case study considers both multicast and unicast communication models. A network of learning automata is considered for the realization of the cognition layer. Finite Action Learning Automata is used to achieve cognition and the case study is compared with a non-cognition model Directional Reception Incremental Protocol [12]. The Finite Action Learning Automata achieves a 11% performance improvement in solution finding. The major drawback of the algorithm proposed in this paper is that it is not applicable for link failures which occur in the real world scenario.

R S Komali et al [7] discuss about the effects of local and global information acquisition in cognitive networks. In this paper the cost of acquiring information, processing and network overheads arising from information accumulation is clearly discussed. The authors propose a Local ?? Improvement Algorithm and compare it with the ?? Improvement Algorithm [13] [14] and prove its efficiency. The authors of this paper conclude that utilizing both global and local information to achieve cognition, degrades system performance and an optimum global and local knowledge can be utilize to achieve cognition without effecting network performance. The major drawback is that there is no clear conclusion drawn as to the information global or local ratio to be considered to achieve cognition.

Daojing He et al [8] have proposed a trust based node misbehavior detection scheme for medical sensor networks. The trust is computed based on the rate of transmission and leaving time of the medical sensor

12 Cognitive Decision Making and Action Planning

In this section we propose an action control adopted to limit the service request rates to the cognitive server λ . Let λ represent a fraction of the service request packet set from the users to the server through the routers i.e. $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$. By dropping or limiting the service requests received from the λ cognition could be achieved. Let the packet dropping factor which is multiplicative in nature be represented as α . The packet dropping factor is adapted based on the presence of malicious users identified in the network topology. Let us define a constant β that is additive in nature and is introduced to increase the acceptance of service request packets when the number of normal users are greater i.e. $\lambda > \beta$. The action control strategy is realized by the cognitive server set λ and is executed when the service request rates observed exceed the limit of the maximum transmission limit λ or when the current service request limit drops beyond the minimum supported transmission bandwidth λ . The service requests received by the server are monitored every Δt second. Here Δt is the monitoring time interval is considered to be smaller than the round trip time between the server λ and the user nodes λ . The action control mechanism is not just as it tends to drop or limit the user service request immaterial of the kind of user λ .

Where λ is the traffic rate through each deployment router λ . Based on the total traffic observed and the discrete time dynamic neural network analysis the λ orients itself and the orientation results is defined as $\lambda = \lambda + \beta$ (23)

The λ is utilized for decision making and the action strategies signal λ is derived for all the routers in λ in the heterogeneous network environment. Based on the position and the link type the action signal is received at varied time instances due to inherit network delays. Let Δt represent the network delay from the λ to the routers λ . The action signal λ , the controlled traffic rate λ and the traffic rates λ change with respect to the time λ and be considered as a coupled system. Coupled Differential equations can be used to represent such models.

The cognitive server needs to maintain the traffic rate within the limits established by At a time instance λ , the cognitive server λ observes the received traffic is greater than λ it is said to be over-loaded. The request rate observed is defined as $\lambda = \lambda + \beta$ (27)

Where $\lambda = 1$ is a constant λ

λ is the request rate at time instance λ Then the rate at which the over-loaded cognitive server receives request rates is defined as it is said to be under-loaded. The request rate observed is defined as $\lambda = \lambda + \beta$ (29)

Where $\lambda = 0$ is a constant

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The cognition is achieved based on the OODA loop. The service requests received from the malicious users λ are limited and dropped to achieve cognition and maintain the heterogeneous network integrity. The cognition process discussed derives its learning intelligence by using the discrete time dynamic neural networks trained using the back propagation algorithm. The experimental study conducted to prove the discussed cognition process is explained in the next section.

V.

13 Performance Evaluation

This section of the paper discusses the experimental study conducted to evaluate the cognition process based on the OODA Loop. The experimental environment for the heterogeneous environment λ test bed was developed using C# on the Visual Studio Platform. The heterogeneous environment constitutes of cognitive servers λ routers λ and client nodes λ . Cognitive decision making is incorporated within the cognitive servers. We have evaluated the proposed discrete time dynamic neural network cognitive engine (DNN-DT) against the MFNN cognitive engine. The λ considered of wired and wireless type. We have considered two mobility models namely, Random Directional Mobility and Random Waypoint Mobility for the user nodes λ . The user nodes λ introduce regular service rates over the simulation test bed within the limits set by λ and request the cognitive servers for a set of services through the routers deployed. A packet level structure is adopted to model such transactions. A random number of nodes i.e. malicious nodes λ are introduced into the network whose transactional service rates are irregular by nature i.e. $\lambda > \beta$. The aim of the experimental study can be defined as identifying malicious transactions due to which irregular service rates are observed and negate the malicious client nodes λ introducing such service rates by denying them service provisioning.

The ability of the simulation environment is to handle variations in the number of λ , λ , λ along with the mobility options and channel noise considerations led to an extensive experimental scenarios summarized in Table 1. A total of twenty four scenarios are presented in this paper. The error in identifying the malicious nodes identified by the vibrational service rates is represented in It is that the DNN-DT cognitive engine reduces the malicious node detection error by about 25% when compared to the MFNN cognitive engine. The discrete time dynamic networks adapt quickly to the dynamic environments presented here. This ability of the discrete time dynamic neural network results in reduced network overheads in action planning and decision

making phase of the OODA Loop. The network overheads observed are shown in Figure 6 and Figure 7 given below. The network overheads are measured in terms of the additional query transactions induced by the cognitive servers for accurate decision making. It was observed that about 12064, 19686 and 28865 transactional packets were reduced when considering the discrete time dynamic neural network to achieve cognition for the 3, 5 and 7 server scenarios. From Figure 7 it can be observed that the average reduction of about 2% was achieved considering an average of all the network transactions considered for the varied scenarios discussed in this section. Though the reduction in the average network overhead appears marginal, its significance increases for larger network scenarios. detection accuracy for ?? ?? 7 is shown in Figure 10. From the figure it is clear that the channel noise inclusion reduces the malicious node detection accuracy. The DNN-DT cognitive engine achieves an average detection accuracy of about 96.02% when compared to 84.45% detection accuracy achieved by the MFNN Cognitive engine. The accuracy of malicious node detection for random directional mobility is observed to be less than that of the random waypoint mobility model by about 0.297% and 0.375% for MFNN cognitive engine and DNN-DT cognitive engine. Mobility inclusion in network simulations induces an additional overhead in the network maintenance transactions. The effects of mobility on the network transactions are shown in Figure 11. The random waypoint mobility model was found to induce additional transactional overheads owing to the random node mobility it exhibits. The random directional mobility model considers the mobility of all the nodes as per a particular mobility rate and are less complicated when compared to random waypoint mobility models where in the mobility of random nodes is induced. The receiver operating characteristics curve for ?? ?? 7 discussed here is shown in Figure 12. The area covered by the DNN-DT curve was found to be 0.9408 when compared to 0.7728 covered by the MFNN curve. The error of the curve for DNN-DT was about 2.5% against the error of about 4.7% exhibited by the MFNN curve. Based on the experimental study and the analysis, it can be concluded that the proposed discrete time dynamic neural network cognition model achieves a higher accuracy of about 25% when compared to the MFNN based cognition engine.

14 VI.

15 Conclusions

The issues in security provisioning to networks can be addressed by cognitive networks. This paper proposes an OODA Loop based cognitive network. The use of discrete time dynamic neural networks to incorporate intelligence in the cognition loop is considered. The purpose of the cognitive network is to identify malicious user nodes in heterogeneous network environments. The malicious node identification is achieved by monitoring the service rates of the client nodes. Service provisioning of the services hosted by the cognitive servers to the malicious nodes is disabled hence improving performance and maintaining network integrity. The proposed system exhibits 25% higher malicious node detection efficiency and 12% higher malicious transaction classification accuracy when compared to the MFNN based cognition engine. The discrete time dynamic neural network based cognitive network proposed in this paper is an effective mechanism to identify malicious nodes and negates their presence in the considered heterogeneous network.

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Figure 1:)Figure 1 :

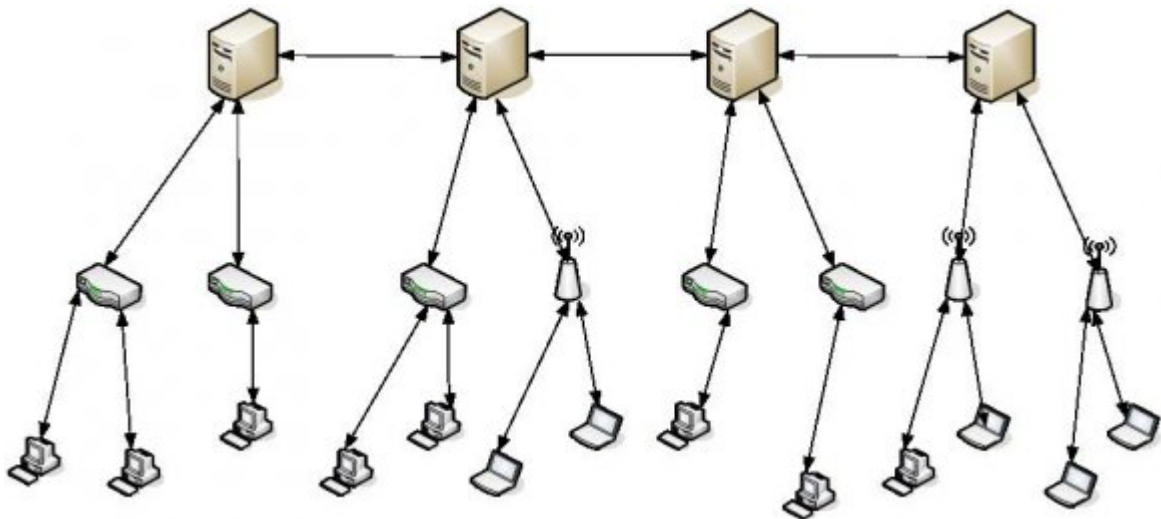


Figure 2: Volume

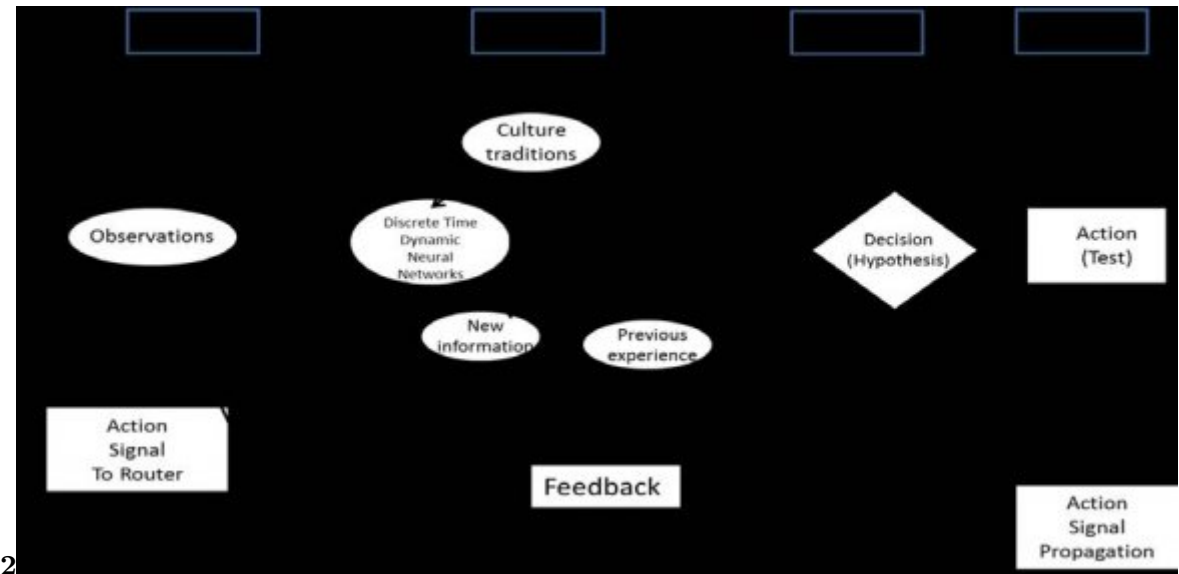


Figure 3: Figure 2 :

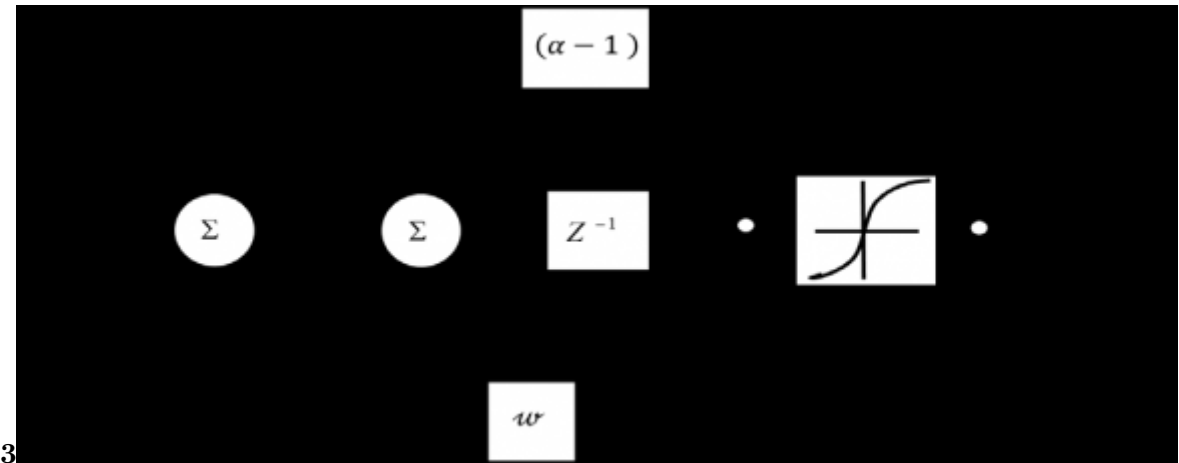


Figure 4: Figure 3 :

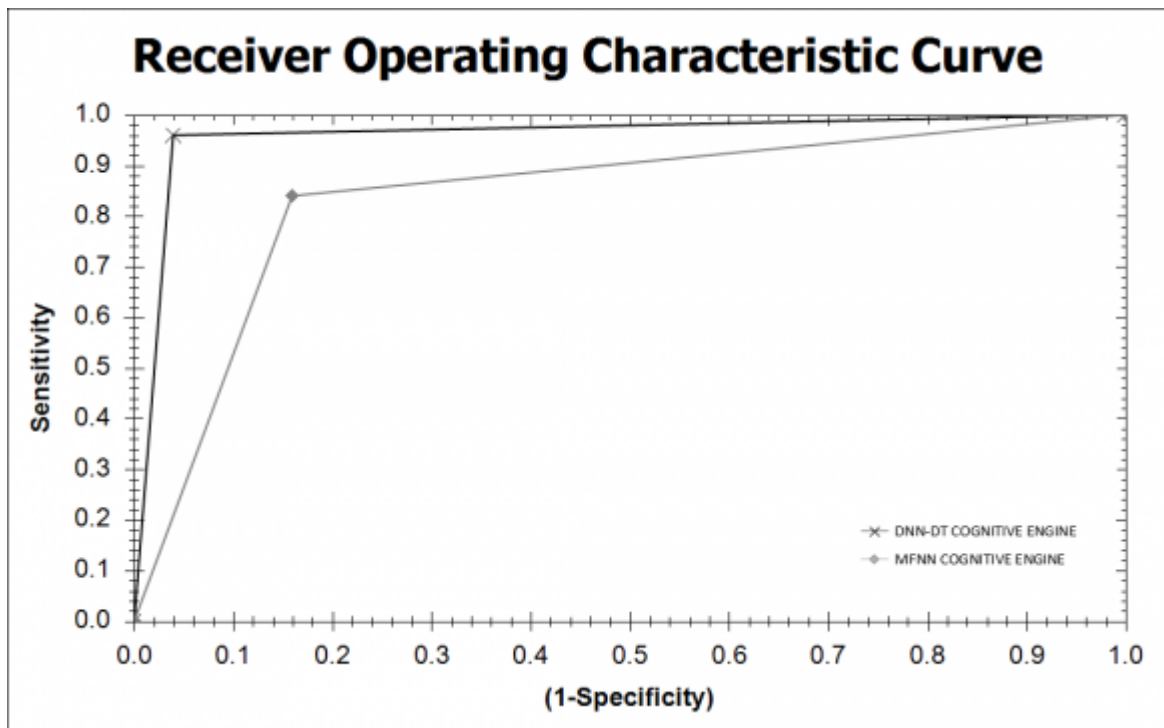


Figure 5:

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 packets into the network where by the transmission rate
 of the malicious node ?? ???? ??

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Figure 6:

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 2014 client nodes ?? ?? enables effective
 decision making and control strate-
 gies to be adopted to achieve cogni-
 tion. The cognition process discussed
 is capable of handling service rate
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 34 client nodes, heterogeneous service
 traffic rates and server bandwidth
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 II instantaneous response traffic rate is
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 sion rate ?? ?? ? (??) is considered as a
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 D D ?? ???? ?? ?? (??) and the offered
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 represents a constant and is a fraction
 of the service request packets sent from
 ?? ?? ?? to ?? ?? ?? . If the service
 request load ?? ???? ?? predetermined
 threshold ?? ?? ?????????? then the
 service request ?? ?? ???? ?? is below
 the
 acceptance is increased by a small vol-
 ume represented
 as ?? . The cognitive servers monitor
 and accept the
 client service requests through the con-
 trolled router
 ?? (?). This action control strategy is
 represented as ?? ?? invoked every ??
 second wherein the server load ?? ????
 ?? ?? is ?? ?? adjusted to be within
 the limits set by ?? ?? ?????????? ??
 and ?? ?? ?????????? ??

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No.	Cognition Engine	No. Servers (?? ??)	No. Routers (?? ??)	Mobility Model	Channel Noise	No. Nodes (?? ??)	No. Malicious Nodes (?? ?? ??)	
1	MFNN COGNITIVE ENGINE	3	30	RANDOM DIRECTIONAL	PRESENT	200	13	
2	MFNN COGNITIVE ENGINE	3	30	RANDOM DIRECTIONAL	ABSENT	200	9	
3 4	MFNN COGNITIVE ENGINE	3 3	30	RANDOM	PRESENT	200	5 5	Year
5	MFNN COGNITIVE ENGINE	5	30	WAYPOINT	ABSENT	200	11	2014
	MFNN COGNITIVE ENGINE		50	RANDOM WAYPOINT RANDOM DIRECTIONAL	PRESENT	200		
6	MFNN COGNITIVE ENGINE	5	50	RANDOM DIRECTIONAL	ABSENT	200	14	37
7	MFNN COGNITIVE ENGINE	5 5	50	RANDOM WAYPOINT RANDOM	PRESENT	200	10	Volume
8	MFNN COGNITIVE ENGINE	7 7	50	WAYPOINT	ABSENT	200	13	XIV
9	COGNITIVE ENGINE	7 7	70	WAYPOINT	SENT	200	23	Issue
10	MFNN COGNITIVE ENGINE	3 3	70	RANDOM	PRESENT	200	5	II
11	ENGINE MFNN COGNITIVE ENGINE	3 3	70	DIRECTIONAL	ABSENT	200	14	Ver-
12	ENGINE MFNN COGNITIVE ENGINE	5 5	70	RANDOM	SENT	200	7	sion
13	COGNITIVE ENGINE	5 5	30	DIRECTIONAL	PRESENT	200	11	I
14	MFNN COGNITIVE ENGINE	7 7	30	RANDOM	ABSENT	200	8 6	Global
15	ENGINE DNN-DT	7 7	30	WAYPOINT	SENT	200	9 8	Jour-
16	COGNITIVE ENGINE		30	RANDOM WAYPOINT RANDOM	PRESENT	200	8 7	nal
17	DNN-DT COGNITIVE ENGINE		50	DIRECTIONAL	PRESENT	200	15	of
18	ENGINE DNN-DT		50	RANDOM	ABSENT	200	5	Com-
19	COGNITIVE ENGINE		50	WAYPOINT	SENT	200	11	puter
20	DNN-DT COGNITIVE ENGINE		70	RANDOM WAYPOINT RANDOM	PRESENT	200	7 7	Sci-
21	ENGINE DNN-DT		70	DIRECTIONAL	ABSENT	200		ence
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24	ENGINE DNN-DT		70	DIRECTIONAL	ABSENT	200		nol-
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	ENGINE			RANDOM WAYPOINT RANDOM	SENT			

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7).

Figure 9: Table 2 :

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