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Artificial Intelligence Based Authentication Technique With Three Entities In 3-G Mobile Communications

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***Abstract*—Voice frequency pattern is asymmetric just like nature. Although voice frequency lies between 0 ~ 3.5 KHz, a person talking some specific word in different times is always consisting of a very narrow range of frequencies which are varying person to person. Voice frequency of the selective words used by the subscriber at the beginning of conversation like Hello, Good Morning, Namaskar etc is taken as first entity for authentication purpose. We propose second entity as probability of salutation or greeting word from subscriber's talking habit (set of salutation words) whiles the subscriber starts a call. Third entity is chosen as probable location (place) of the subscriber from the selective locations at the time of initializing a call i.e. distance between the subscriber and the network. These three entities such as probability of particular range of frequencies for the salutation word, particular salutation or greeting word, location at the time of starting a call are used with most frequently, more frequently and less frequently by the subscriber like uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (AI). Now different relative grades are assigned for most frequently, more frequently and less frequently used parameters and the grades are modified according to the assigned weightage of the relative grades. Then Fuzzy operations are performed on modified relative grades (sets). We invent a Fuzzy Rule (condition). If the results obtained from fuzzy operations are satisfied by the invented fuzzy rule, the subscriber (MS) and the network (MSC or PDSN) is mutually authenticated in 3-G mobile communications.**

***Index Terms*—AAA server, Artificial Intelligence, Fuzzy set, Fuzzy operation, Subscriber (MS), Network (MSC or PDSN), SIM, Salutation word, USIM.**

I. Introduction

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a theory based on uncertainty. Fuzzy operations [6] can be performed for taking decision in AI based application. AI can be applied in such applications which are based on uncertainties like vagueness, ambiguity and imprecision. Subscriber's talking habit is also based on uncertainties.

This provides a research challenge for application of AI on subscriber authentication. We propose to use parameter of subscriber's talking habit. It means which particular range of frequency of the salutation (greeting) word, salutation word, location (place) are used with most frequently, more frequently, less frequently by a subscriber while initializing the call. By applying theory of AI, different relative grades can be assigned for most frequently, more frequently, less frequently used parameters considering talking pattern of the subscriber. Fuzzy sets are derived from the modified relative grades which are obtained by assigning weightage. Then fuzzy operations are performed on fuzzy sets, results of fuzzy operations are analyzed by setting an invented fuzzy rule or condition. If the results are satisfying the fuzzy rule, the subscriber (MS) as well as the network (MSC or PDSN) is authenticated, otherwise not.

Thus we propose an AI based subscriber authentication scheme that will check the authenticity of a subscriber by fuzzy operations on fuzzy sets which are derived from talking habit of the subscriber especially salutation word and location of the subscriber at the time of starting a call.

II. Authentication Technique In 3-G Mobile Communications Network

In 3-G mobile communication, voice communication is held by MSC (Main Switching Center) and its accessories. In packet switching, authentication is done separately by PDSN (Packet Data Serving Node) servers [1], [4], [5]. The existing authentication technique is described below.

In circuit switching, the authentication for establishing voice path is done by the following procedure,

1) Mutual authentication where MS and MSC are confirmed identity individually.
2) Assure that the authentication information and keys are not being re-used (key freshness).

Additional parameters and cryptographic checks are introduced in 3-G network to provide mutual entity authentication between the USIM (Universal Subscriber Identity Module) at the user side and the AUC

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(Authentication Center) at the network side. This technique uses symmetric key or code using a secret subscriber authentication key K which is shared between and available only to the USIM and the AUC in the user's HE (Home Environment). In addition, the AUC entrusts with track of a counter SQN_{HE} and at the same time USIM controls track of a counter SQN_{MS}. It also stores additional data to support network authentication providing the user with assurance by key freshness. This scheme is assembled of a challenge/response protocol identical to the 2-G mobile subscriber authentication with an additional feature of network authentication. The HE, which manages both the AUC and the USIM, possesses some technique in the management of sequence numbers.

A. Authentication for Circuit Switching in 3-G Mobile Communications Network

Authentication in the 3G network utilizes following Challenge/Response mechanism [1],

1) The VLR (Visitor Location Register) sends a request to the user's AUC.
2) After receiving the request the AUC generates an ordered array of n quintets which are being sent to the VLR. Each quintet consists of the following components, such as Challenge (RAND), Expected response (XRES), Cipher key (CK), Integrity key (IK), Authentication token (AUTN = SQN ⊕ [AK] || AMF || MAC-A). [where ⊕ is bit wise EX-OR operation] The AUC generates each quintet by the following procedure:

- Generates a fresh sequence number SQN from a counter SQN_{HE}.
- Generates an unpredictable challenge RAND.
- Computes a message authentication code for authentication MAC-A = $f1_K$ (SQN || RAND || AMF) where f1 is a message authentication function;
- Computes an expected response XRES = $f2_K$ (RAND), where f2 is a (possibly modified) message authentication function;
- Computes a cipher key CK = $f3_K$ (RAND), integrity key IK = $f4_K$ (RAND) and anonymity key AK = $f5_K$ (RAND), where f3, f4, f5 are key generating functions.
- Computes the concealed sequence number SQN ⊕ AK.
- Assembles the authentication token AUTN = SQN ⊕ [AK] || AMF || MAC-A and the quintet Q = (RAND, XRES, CK, IK, AUTN) and updates the counter SQN_{HE}.

3) AUC sends that ordered array of n quintets to the VLR.
4) When the VLR initiates the authentication scheme it selects the next quintet from an array held in the VLR and sends the parameters RAND and AUTN to the user.
5) After receiving of a (RAND, AUTN) from the VLR, USIM in MS computes the following procedure:

- If the se nonymity key AK = f5K (RAND) and retrieves from quence number is concealed, the USIM computes the a AUTN the unconcealed sequence number SQN = (SQN ⊕ AK).
- The USIM then computes XMAC-A = f1K (SQN || RAND || AMF) and compares XMAC-A with MAC-A which is included in AUTN.
- If they are not matching i.e. MAC-A ≠ XMAC-A, the USIM directs the MS to fail a user authentication response with indication of integrity failure to the VLR and cancels the further execution.

If they are matched i.e. MAC-A = XMAC-A, the USIM computes the following:

- he USIM verifies that the received sequence number SQN is acceptable or not.
- If the sequence number SQN is not acceptable, the USIM computes the re-synchronization token AUTS and directs the MS to fail a user authentication response, with an indication of synchronization failure, including the re-synchronization token AUTS and abandons the procedure.

If SQN is acceptable, the USIM progresses through the following procedures:

- The USIM then computes the response RES = $f2_K$(RAND) and directs the MS to send back a user authentication response back to the VLR, with an indication of successful receipt of the signed challenge and including the response RES.

6) The VLR compares the received RES with XRES. If they identical, the VLR confirms that the MS (USIM) is authentic and therefore authentication proceeding is successfully completed.

B. Authentication for Packet Switching in 3-G Mobile Communications Network

Authentication for packet switching [3] is done by AAA (Authentication, Authorization and Accounting) server [1], [4], [5]. Authentication requires the user to provide an account number or identifier and password i.e. exchange of logical keys or certificates between the client (MS) and the server in PDSN. If this authentication is correct, then MS is permitted for packet data service by Authorization.

An AAA server is a server program that handles user requests for access to network resources. The AAA server typically interacts with network access and gateway servers and with databases and directories containing user information.

III. Proposed Artificial Intelligence Based Authentication Technique In 3-G Mobile Communications Network

The proposed artificial intelligence based authentication scheme can be applied to either circuit switching or packet switching mobile communications network to provide voice, data, multimedia services etc. It is a collection of two different phases, namely, Subscriber Enrollment Phase and Subscriber Authentication Phase. These two phases are explained below.

A. Subscriber Enrollment Phase

In subscriber enrollment phase, the subscriber is enrolled to particular AAA server or switch belonging to the network. This phase is executed only once for one subscriber.

ASE1: The subscriber sends an application request to the authority concerned (mobile service provider) for new SIM.

ASE2: After receiving the request, the authority asks to submit his different parameters of talking and tests his different talking habit.

ASE3: After that authority examines those tests thoroughly and performs a feasibility study of talking habit of subscriber. The authority records the followings,

1) Which frequency range in voices is appearing most frequently, more frequently and less frequently used by the subscriber in course of a salutation or greeting word talking? For detecting the voice frequency of a salutation word, highly sophisticated electronics transducer is fitted either at the MS or the server which can detect the exact frequency in Hz.
2) Which salutation words are most frequently, more frequently and less frequently used by the subscriber while start talking?
3) What are most frequently, more frequently and less frequently location (place) of the subscriber with respect to time while starting a call?

ASE4: The authority uses three databases in sever for storing the above subscriber parameters based on talking habit. The first database, D_F stores the subscriber most frequently, more frequently and less frequently used voice frequencies for each salutation word and its corresponding relative grades. The first range of voice frequency for the salutation word emanating from the subscriber is D_{FR1} of D_F, which stores the most frequently (dominant) used voice frequency of the salutation word and its relative grade which is assigned by 0.65. The second class D_{FR2} of D_F, stores the more frequently used voice frequency of the salutation word and its relative grade which is assigned by 0.23. The third range D_{FR3} of D_F, stores the less frequently used voice frequency of the salutation word and its relative grade, assigned by 0.12. Likewise a database is prepared for voice frequency range most frequently, more frequently and less frequently for predicted all salutation words used by the subscriber. D_{FR1}, D_{FR2}, D_{FR3} of D_F are calculated as per following formula. Suppose D_F ranges between a Hz (lower frequency) to b Hz (higher frequency), compute c = (a+b)/2 and d = (b-a)/6 [since three equal divisions are made]. D_{FR1} ranges between e = (c-d) Hz to f = (c+d) Hz. D_{FR2} ranges between g = (e-d) Hz to h = (e-1) Hz and i = (f+1) Hz to j = (f+d) Hz. D_{FR3} ranges between k = (g-d) Hz = a Hz to l = (g-1) Hz and m = (j+1) Hz to n = (j+d) Hz = b Hz.

The second database, D_W stores the most frequently, more frequently and less frequently used salutation words (starting time spoken) and their corresponding relative grades. The first row, D_{WR1} of D_W, stores the most frequently used salutation words and their relative grade which is assigned by 0.9. The second row, D_{WR2} of D_W, stores the more frequently used salutation words and their relative grade which is assigned by 0.6. The third row, D_{WR3} of D_W, stores the less frequently used salutation words and their relative grade which is assigned by 0.3.

This first and second databases can be joined together to make one table whose columns are showing different range of voice frequencies with its relative grades for the salutation words (generally divided into three groups), relative grades for the salutation words while the rows are showing the salutation words used by the subscriber.

The third database, D_L stores the most probable, more probable and less probable location (place) of the subscriber with respect to time while starting a call (i.e. distance of the subscriber from the network which can be measured by received power level) and their corresponding relative grades. This database is divided into two parts, D_{L1} (For the time 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM) and D_{L2} (For the time 6:00 PM to 9:00 AM). The first row, D_{L1R1} of D_{L1}, stores the most probable location of subscriber and their relative grade which is assigned by 0.9. The second row, D_{L1R2} of D_{L1}, stores the more probable location of subscriber and their relative grade which is assigned by 0.6. The third row, D_{L1R3} of D_{L1}, stores the less probable location of subscriber and their relative grade which is assigned by 0.3.

The first row, D_{L2R1} of D_{L2}, stores the most probable location of subscriber and their relative grade which is assigned by 0.9. The second row, D_{L2R2} of D_{L2}, stores the more probable location of subscriber and their relative grade which is assigned by 0.6. The third row, D_{L2R3} of D_{L2}, stores the less probable location of subscriber and their relative grade which is assigned by 0.3.

Since these three parameters are completely different and independent to each other, therefore to make a fuzzy relation with mutual exclusive functions, we are imposing different weightage to these parameters. The ratio of weightage is considered like, $D_F : D_W : D_L = 1 : 1.5 : 2$. We are dividing relative grades by corresponding weightage to have modified relative grades.

ASE5: If the authority does not get sufficient information, request for resubmission correct signature or database of the subscriber is placed. Then the authority executes the above steps again to create a strong database.

B. Subscriber Authentication Phase

When a subscriber requests for connecting a call, an announcement from the server (switch) may be issued to speak the salutation word which is intending to use by the subscriber for the called subscriber. After receiving the salutation word from the calling subscriber, authentication process starts. If successfully authenticated, the calling subscriber is extended connection to the called subscriber, otherwise connection is denied. Thus after receiving the salutation or greeting word from a calling subscriber at the starting time of a call, the server (switch) executes the following operations:

ASA1: Finds the matched frequency of the salutation word within the rows D_{FR1}, D_{FR2}, D_{FR3} of D_F.

ASA1.1: After hearing the first speech from a subscriber, either MS or server computes frequency of the salutation word in Hz, then match the voice frequency within the stored range of D_F and its corresponding relative grade which is taken as v1, if not match v1 = 0.

The membership functions of a fuzzy set F1 can be defined as follows,

$\mu_{F1}(a1) = v1$,

Hence, F1 = {(a1, v1)}

ASA2: Finds the matched salutation or greeting word within the rows D_{WR1}, D_{WR2}, D_{WR3} of D_W.

ASA2.1: If the salutation word is matched within the stores value of D_{WR1}, D_{WR2}, D_{WR3}, then it stores w1=

Relative grade of the matched salutation word in row, otherwise w1=0. The modified value of w1 according to weightage is $w1_m$, where $w1_m = (w1)/1.5$,

The membership functions of a fuzzy set F2 can be defined as follows,

$\mu_{F2}(a2) = w1_m$

Hence, F2 = {(a2, $w1_m$)}

ASA3: Server watches the time and selects the database for location of the subscriber (D_{L1} or D_{L2}) at the starting time of a call. Finds the matched location within the rows DL1R1, DL1R2, D_{L1R3} for D_{L1} or D_{L2R1}, D_{L2R2}, D_{L2R3} for D_{L2} depending on call initializing or starting time.

ASA3.1: If the location of the MS is matched, then stores p1= Relative grade of matched location in row, otherwise p1=0. The modified value of p1 according to the weightage is $p1_m$, where $p1_m = (p1)/2$,

The membership functions of a fuzzy set F3 can be defined as follows,

$\mu_{F3}(a3) = p1_m$

Hence, F3 = {(a3, $p1_m$)}

ASA4: Computes fuzzy operations,

ASA4.1: $\mu_{F1 \cap F2 \cap F3}(a) = \min \{\mu_{F1}(a1), \mu_{F2}(a2), \mu_{F3}(a3)\}$

ASA4.2: $\mu_{F1 \cup F2 \cup F3}(a) = \max \{\mu_{F1}(a1), \mu_{F2}(a2), \mu_{F3}(a3)\}$

ASA5: For ascertaining the mobile subscriber (MS) as well as the network (MSC or PDSN) authenticity, an invented Fuzzy Rule (condition) on result of the fuzzy operations has been implied.

If $\mu_{F1 \cap F2 \cap F3}(a) \geq 0.15$ and $\mu_{F1 \cup F2 \cup F3}(a) \geq 0.45$ satisfies, then only the server ensures that the subscriber is authentic, hence their mutual authenticity is verified. The server checks or computes the authentication process. Since primary databases are kept at the server (switch), if that stored values in respect of the parameters of the subscriber at the server are not matched with that of the subscriber as currently transmitted, further processing will be stopped which identifies that the network is unauthentic. Also if the above two fuzzy conditions are not satisfied, the server ensures that the user or the subscriber (MS) is unauthentic. In both the cases the server sends an authentication failure message to the subscriber.

IV. Results And Discussion

First of all the feasibility study of all subscribers talking habit from subscriber test and documents are made and the authority stores in server (switch) those databases having different parameters with values.

Example1: A subscriber starts talking with "Namaskar" in 2325 Hz on 10:24 AM at home, examine authenticity of the subscriber and the network.

After testing voice frequency of the subscriber's salutation word "Namaskar" stored in the server, the range of voice frequency of the subscriber's particular salutation word "Namaskar" is found from 2235 Hz to 2726 Hz.

If the voice frequency of the subscriber's salutation word "Namaskar" is within 2398 Hz to 2562 Hz then the value D_{FR1} of D_F is 0.65.

If the voice frequency of the subscriber's salutation word "Namaskar" is within 2316 Hz to 2397 Hz and 2563 Hz to 2645 Hz, the value D_{FR2} of D_F is 0.23.

If the voice frequency of the subscriber's salutation word "Namaskar" is within 2235 Hz to 2315 Hz and 2646 Hz to 2726 Hz, the value D_{FR3} of D_F is 0.12.

The salutation or greeting words are stored in the server for the subscriber in D_{WR1} of D_W like,

Hello, Oh God, Jai-Ram, Adab, Namaste.

The salutation words are stored in the server for the subscriber in D_{WR2} of D_W like,

Good Morning, Good Afternoon, Radhe-Radhe, Hi, Kaisa-Hai.

The salutation words are stored in the server for the subscriber in D_{WR3} of D_W like,

Namaskar, Assalamo-Alaokum, Joyguru, Hare-Ram, Hare-Krishna.

Let the relative grade of D_{WR1} is 0.9, D_{WR2} is 0.6 and D_{WR3} is 0.3.

For salutation word "Namaskar" of the subscriber, it is in D_{WR3} whose relative grade (w1) is 0.3

For the time period 9:00 AM. to 6:00 PM,

If the location of the subscriber is office, the value of D_{L1R1} of D_{L1} is 0.9.

If the location is tour or elsewhere then the value of D_{L1R2} of D_{L1} is 0.6.

If the location is home then the value of D_{L1R3} of D_{L1} is 0.3.

For the time period 6:00 PM. to 9:00 AM,

If the location is home then the value of D_{L2R1} of D_{L2} is 0.9.

If the location is tour or elsewhere then the value of D_{L2R2} of D_{L2} is 0.6.

If the location is office then the value of D_{L2R3} of D_{L2} is 0.3.

The subscriber on 10:24 AM at home falls in D_{L1R3} whose relative grade (p1) is 0.3,

Hence, the matched frequency of the salutation word (2325 Hz) from the subscriber in D_{FR2}.

Therefore, v1= 0.23

$\mu_{F1}(a1) = v1 = 0.23$,

Hence, F1 = {(a1, 0.23)}

The matched the salutation (greeting) word of the subscriber in D_{WR3}.

Therefore, w1= 0.3, $w1_m = w1/1.5 = 0.3/1.5 = 0.20$

$\mu_{F1}(a2) = w1_m = 0.20$,

Hence, F2 = {(a2, 0.20)}

The matched the location of the subscriber in D_{L1R3}.

Therefore, p1=0.3, $p1_m = p1/2 = 0.3/2 = 0.15$

$\mu_{F1}(a3) = p1_m = 0.15$,

Hence, F3 = {(a3, 0.15)}

Now, $\mu_{F1 \cap F2 \cap F3}(a) = \min \{0.23, 0.20, 0.15\} = 0.15$;

$\mu_{F1 \cup F2 \cup F3}(a) = \max \{0.23, 0.20, 0.15\} = 0.23$

As fuzzy rule $\mu_{F1 \cap F2 \cap F3}(a) \geq 0.15$ and

$\mu_{F1 \cup F2 \cup F3}(a) \geq 0.45$ is not true, so the sever ensures that the subscriber is not authentic; hence they are not mutual authenticated followed by authentication failure message.

Example2. The subscriber (same subscriber as in Ex1) starts talking with "Good Morning" in 1915 Hz on 7.36 AM while at tour, examine mutual authenticity of the subscriber

with the network.

After testing voice frequency of the subscriber's salutation word "Good Morning" from the server, the range of voice frequency of the subscriber's particular salutation word "Good Morning" is found from 1734 Hz to 2256 Hz.

If the voice frequency of the subscriber's salutation word "Good Morning" is within 1908 Hz to 2082 Hz then the value D_{FR1} of D_F is 0.65.

If the voice frequency of the subscriber's salutation word "Good Morning" is within 1821 Hz to 1907 Hz and 2083 Hz to 2169 Hz, the value D_{FR2} of D_F is 0.23.

If the voice frequency of the subscriber's salutation word "Good Morning" is within 1734 Hz to 1820 Hz and 2170 Hz to 2256 Hz, the value D_{FR3} of D_F is 0.12.

D_W and D_L are remaining same value as in Example1 since the same subscriber is talking, otherwise D_W and D_L has to be computed separately.

Hence, the matched frequency of the salutation word (1915 Hz) from the subscriber in D_{FR1}

Therefore, v1= 0.65

μ_{F1} (a1) = v1 = 0.65,

Hence, F1 = {(a1, 0.65)}

The matched the salutation (greeting) word of the subscriber in $D_{WR2.}$

Therefore, w1= 0.6, $w1_m$ = w1/1.5 = 0.6/1.5 = 0.40,

μ_{F1} (a2) = $w1_m$ = 0.40,

Hence, F2 = {(a2, 0.40)}

The matched the location of the subscriber in $D_{L2R2.}$

Therefore, p1=0.6, $p1_m$ = 0.6/2 = 0.30,

μ_{F1} (a3) = $p1_m$ = 0.30,

Hence, F3 = {(a3, 0.30)}

Now, $\mu_{F1 \cap F2 \cap F3}$ (a) = min {0.65, 0.40, 0.30} =0.30;

$\mu_{F1 \cup F2 \cup F3}$ (a) = max {0.65, 0.40, 0.30} = 0.65

As fuzzy rule set as, $\mu_{F1 \cap F2 \cap F3}$ (a) $\geq$ 0.15 and

$\mu_{F1 \cup F2 \cup F3}$ (a) $\geq$ 0.45 is true i.e. the fuzzy rule satisfies results of the fuzzy operations, so the server ensures that the subscriber is authentic, hence they are mutual authenticated.

V. Advantages Of The Proposed Authentication Technique

This technique is highly efficient due to artificial intelligence used and no further information has to be supplied by the subscriber (MS) while making a call. The characteristics of this authentication scheme are,

1) This mobile subscriber as well as network authentication technique enjoys the advantages of artificial intelligence and fuzzy theory, so it is an unique one.
2) Artificial inteligence is efficiently employed to the server and subsequently it takes part to authenticate correct subscriber as well as network.
3) Authenticity is decided by the subscriber's talking characteristics (habit) and distance of the subscriber from the base station or the network.
4) No cryptography algorithm or any complex functions are applied for authentication purpose.
5) Flexible simple fuzzy operations are performed on fuzzy set for authentication decision.
6) This authentication technique ensures result with in a real time basis.

VI. Conclusion

In our proposed artificial intelligence based technique, subscriber as well as network mutual authentication scheme is developed. A novel artificial intelligence is intoduced to the server for authenticate purpose. In our future work, we will spread out this technique in various wireless communication networks within a real time basis.

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