

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE APPROACH TO CYBER SECURITY

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Abstract - Cyber security is a major concern of developed and developing countries due to the high rate of attack and threat to the cyber space. The purpose of this research work was to developed a fuzzy logic system for cyber security. Four inputs were used and three outputs were produced with their associated linguistic variables, Triangular angular membership function was used to implement the system. Fuzzy logic controller is behaving best on the linguistic variables used in the research that is special control, physical control, and denial of service, virus, and special software Trojan horse logic bomb and so on as applied to this research. These are the variables used in this work were rules are derived best on the cyber experts reasoning to cater the intruders.

Keywords: cybersecurity, Fuzzy logic, Membership function, linguistic variables

Introduction

The advancement in cloud computing, mobile computing, mechatronics, net centric computing, wireless sensor network, nanotechnology and internet of things has led to the conjunction in the cyber space and even leading to the creation of fog computing. Moreover, this cyberspace is a platform where business security system, financial systems, education system, industries, power plants among others. The combination of this technology and systems has improved the functionalities of cyber space and leading to vulnerability to the cyber-attack [1]. In the recent time a lot of framework and systems are published based on the application of artificial intelligence techniques to cyber security and digital forensics. The research of [2] applied deep learning technique to design a framework for cyber forensics. [3] Uses data mining techniques in anti-cybercrime. In [4] deep learning neural network and fuzzy logic was used for abnormal traffic control in a network using CICIDS 2017 data sets. In [5] applied deep learning techniques in DOS attack and [6] applied fuzzy logic technique to protect car for cyber-attack. [7] Combined Neuro-fuzzy and genetic algorithm to implement intrusion detection system.

METHOD

The methods of data collection used in this research work are questionnaires administered to the cyber experts, network administrators and system administrators. The data obtained are related linguistic variables used in this work. Best on these linguistic variables this study evaluates cyber terrorists who might attack the systems which can be any form of systems be it communication system, oil and gas system, financial system security system among others.

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

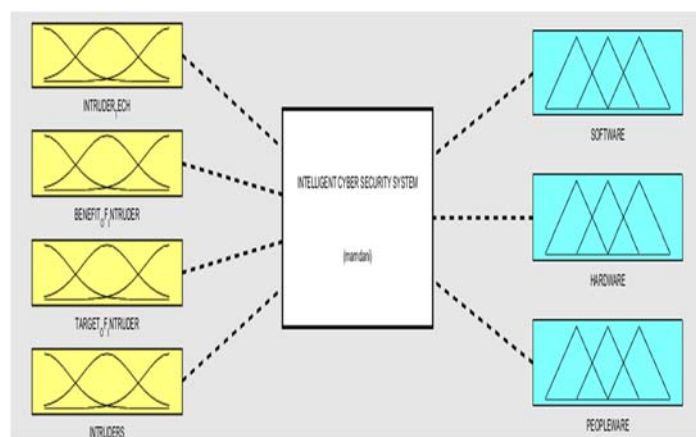


Figure 1: System Architecture

Inputs and outputs analysis

The fuzzification and defuzzification of inputs and outputs in this experiment was implemented using triangular membership function as shown in the figure below;

Intruder’s techniques

The major technique used by the intruders are the one that would favor him after studying the weaknesses of the system based on this we have identified the techniques they might use in table 1. Below;

Table 1: Intruder techniques and their abbreviation

| S/N | Intruder’s Technique | Abbreviation |
|-----|----------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Network attack | NA |
| 2. | Denial of service | DoS |
| 3. | Virus | V |
| 4. | E-mail Virus | EV |
| 5. | Logic Bomb | LB |
| 6. | Trojan horse | TH |
| 7. | Social engineering | SE |
| 8. | Malware | M |

The above table 1 was used to plot a membership function for intruder’s

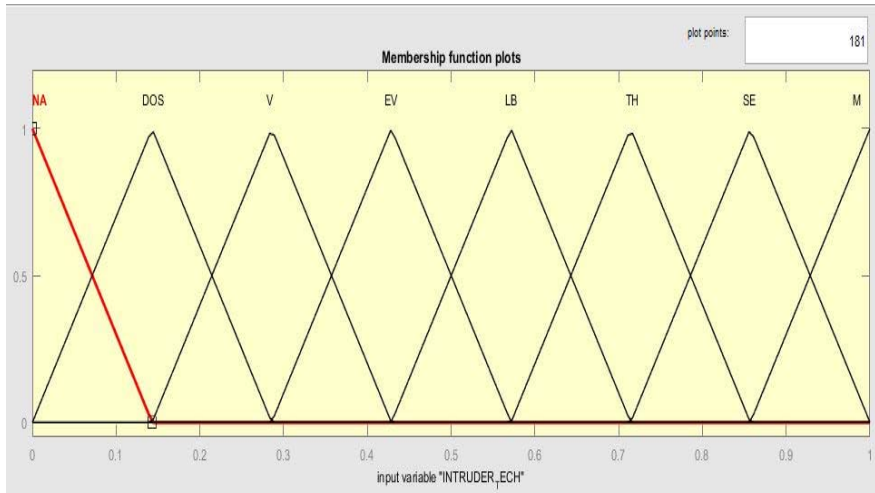


Figure 2: Intruder Techniques Membership

Benefit of Intruders

A cyber intruder normally has the reason his attack the table 2. Below summarize the possible benefit of the intruder.

Table 3: Benefit of intruders and its abbreviation

| S/N | Benefit of intruders | Abbreviation |
|-----|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Out of service | OOS |
| 2. | Seizing web page | SWP |
| 3. | Protesting | P |
| 4. | Control of critical system | CCS |
| 5. | Capture confidential info. | CCI |
| 6. | Control system | CS |

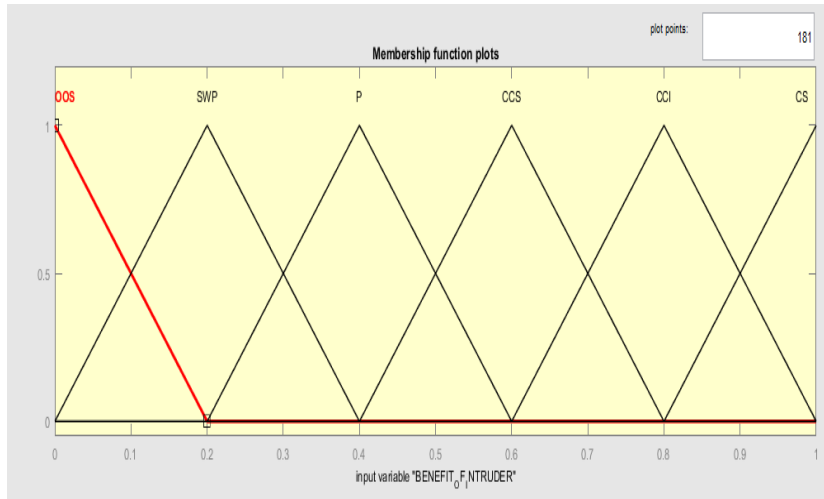


Figure 3: Benefit of Intruders

Target of Intruders

Target is a critical term for a cyber-intruder. According to target, a cyber-intruder may use one or more different cyber techniques. A cyber intruder’s target may be as in Table 4.

Table 4: Target of Intruder’s

| S/N | Target of intruders | Abbreviation |
|-----|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Communication system | CS |
| 2. | Financial center | FC |
| 3. | Power plant | PP |
| 4. | Emergency source | ES |
| 5. | Public transportation | PT |
| 6. | Public institution | PI |
| 7. | Water works | WW |
| 8. | oil and natural gas distribution | ONGD |

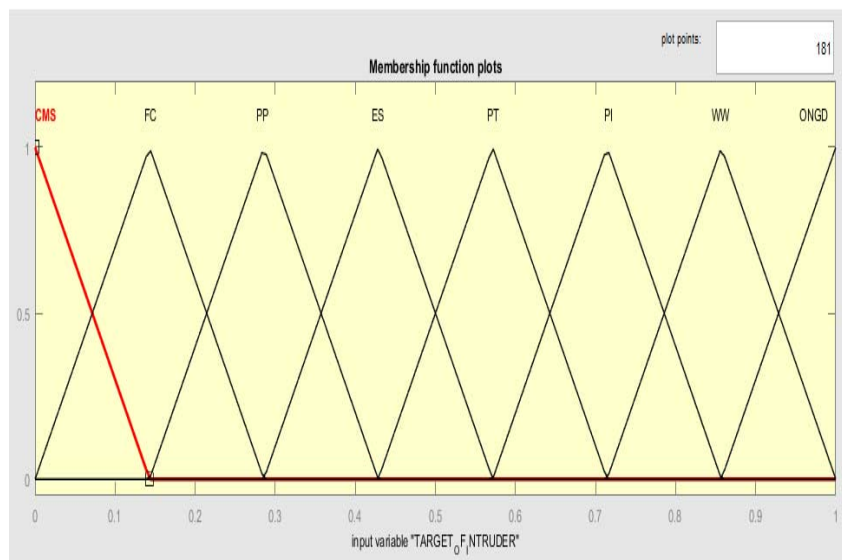


Figure 4: Target of Intruders Membership

Intruders

Intruders are person or group of persons responsible for the unauthorized access to the system. They are summarized in the table 5 below;

Table 5: Intruders and its abbreviation

| S/N | Intruders | Abbreviation |
|-----|---------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Special staff | SPS |
| 2. | Computer Hacker | CH |
| 3. | Enemy of the system | EOS |
| 4. | Cyber activist | CA |

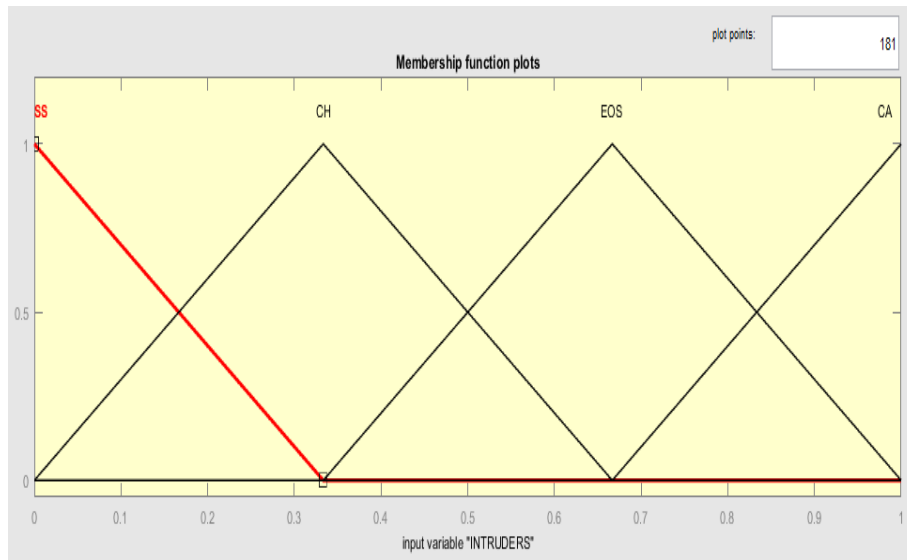


Figure 5: Intruders Membership

Hardware

In some situations network administrators has a software device to prevent attack as summarized in the table 6 below;

Table 6: Hardware and its abbreviation

| S/N | Hardware | Abbreviation |
|-----|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Physical control | PC |
| 2. | Special control | SC |
| 3. | Technical control | TC |

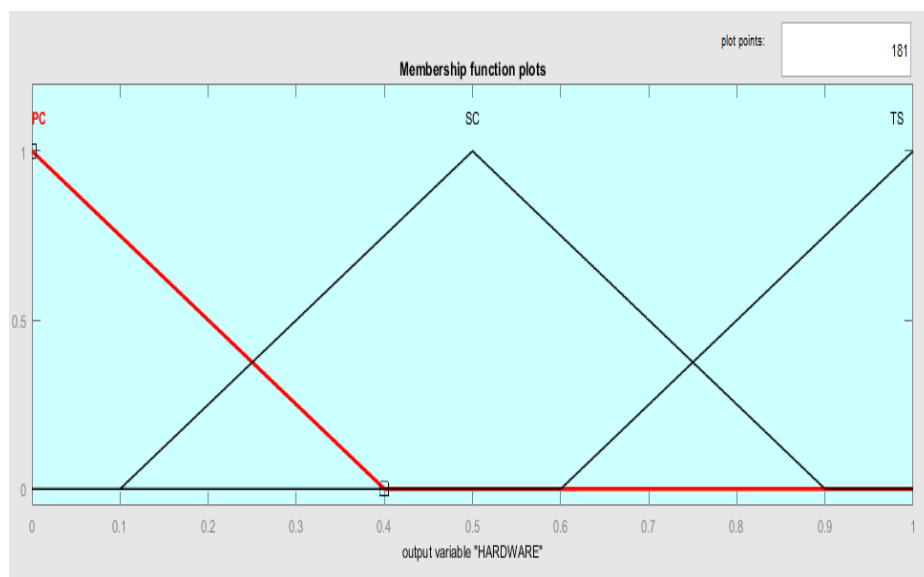


Figure 6: Hardware Membership

3.5.6 Software

Sometime it is possible to use software to combat intruders as summarized in the table 7 below;

Table 7: software and its abbreviation

| S/N | Software | Abbreviation |
|-----|--------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Special software | SPC |
| 2. | System update | SU |
| 3. | National data bank | NDB |

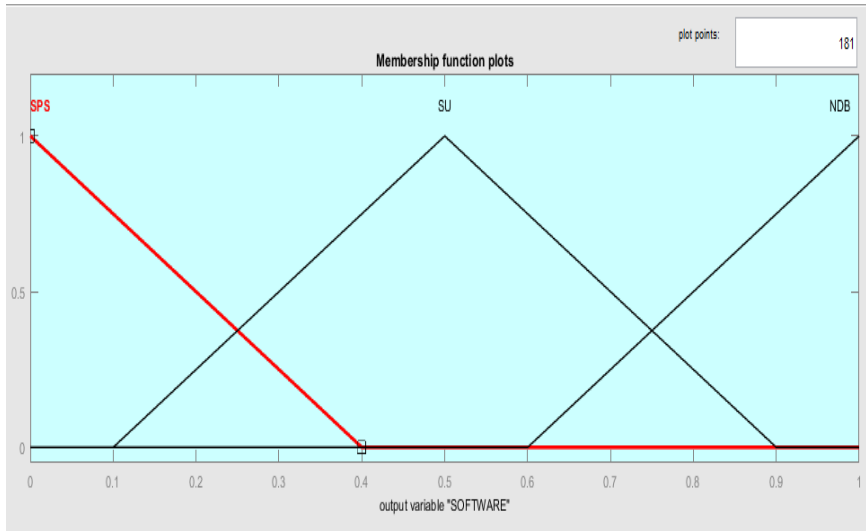


Figure 7: Software Membership

3.5.7 People ware

Users can play a vital role in combating cyber-attack if they have technical knowhow of attacks as it summarized in the table 8 below;

Table 8: People ware and its abbreviation

| S/N | People ware | Abbreviation |
|-----|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | User training | UT |
| 2. | Awareness | A |
| 3. | User control | UC |

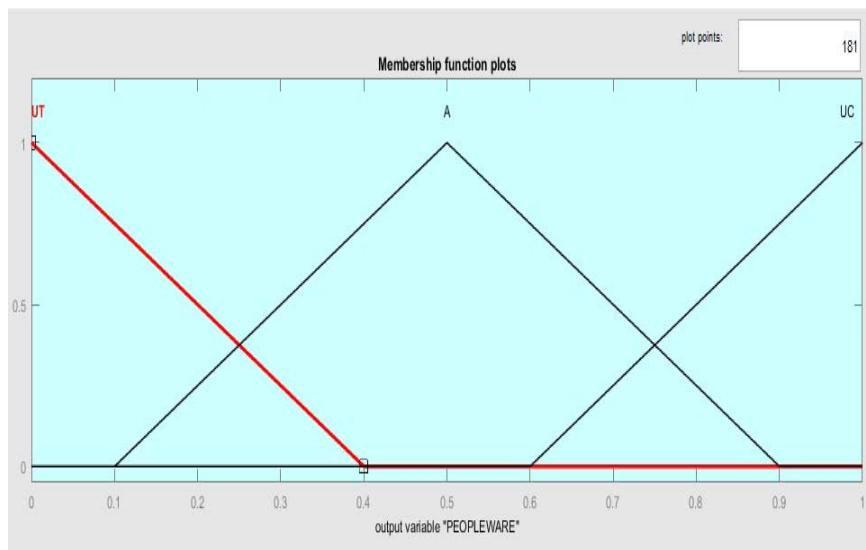


Figure 8: People ware Membership

Result

The input variable Intruder techniques (IT) is not a fixed value they are fuzzy variables as network attack, virus, Trojan horse, malware etc. Similarly for input variable benefit of intruders (BI) has the fuzzy variables out of service, protesting, control system etc. and output variable People ware has the fuzzy variables user training, awareness and user control. Depending on the inputs the outputs take different fuzzy variables value. It can be seen that Intruder techniques (IT) criteria is in x axis, benefit of intruders (BI) criteria is in y axis, and solution criteria People ware (P) is in z axis as shown in Figure 1.

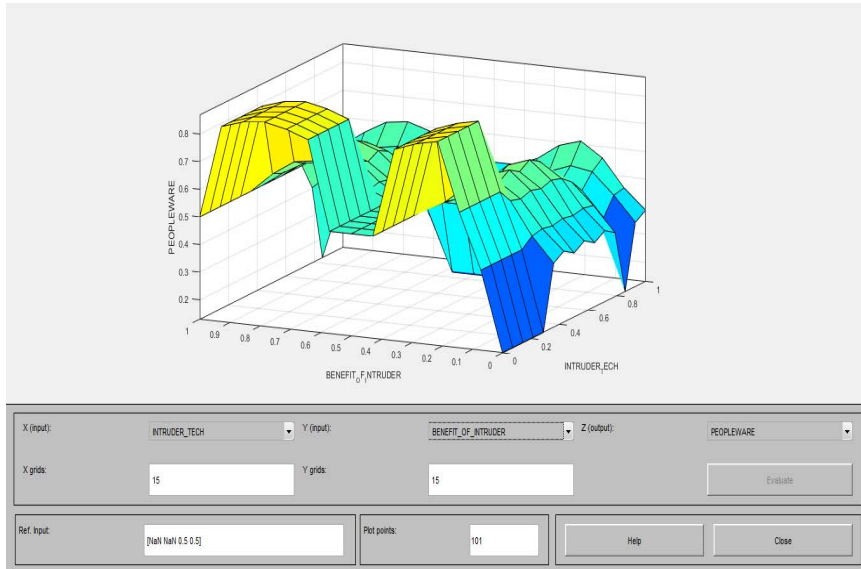


Figure 10: Input variables Intruder Techniques (IT), Benefit of Intruders (BI) vs. output variable People ware (P)

As shown in Figure 11. Intruder techniques (IT) criteria is in x axis, benefit of intruders (BI) criteria is in y axis, and solution criteria software (S) is in z axis.

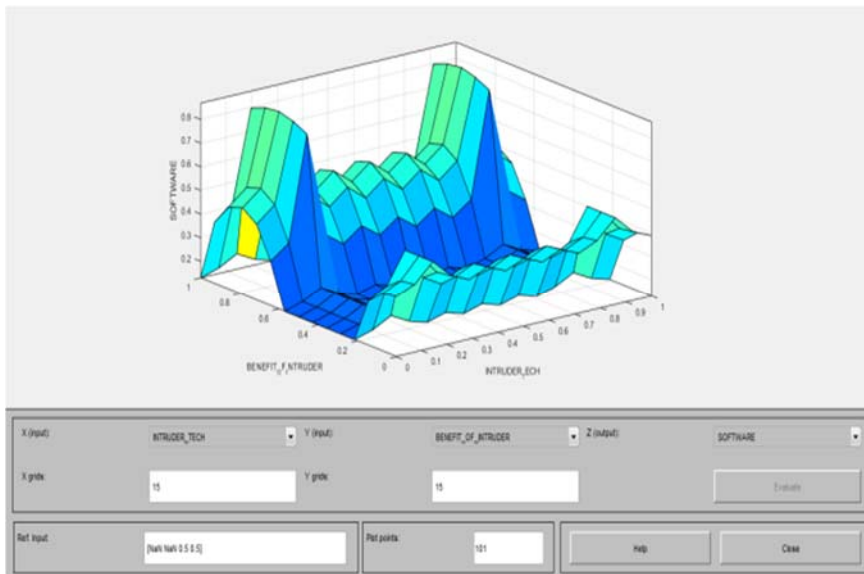


Figure 11: Input variables Intruder Techniques (IT), Benefit of Intruders (BI) vs. output variable Software (S).

As shown in Figure 12 Benefit of intruders (BI) criteria is in x axis, and Target of Intruders (TI) criteria is in y axis, and solution criteria hardware (H) is in z axis.

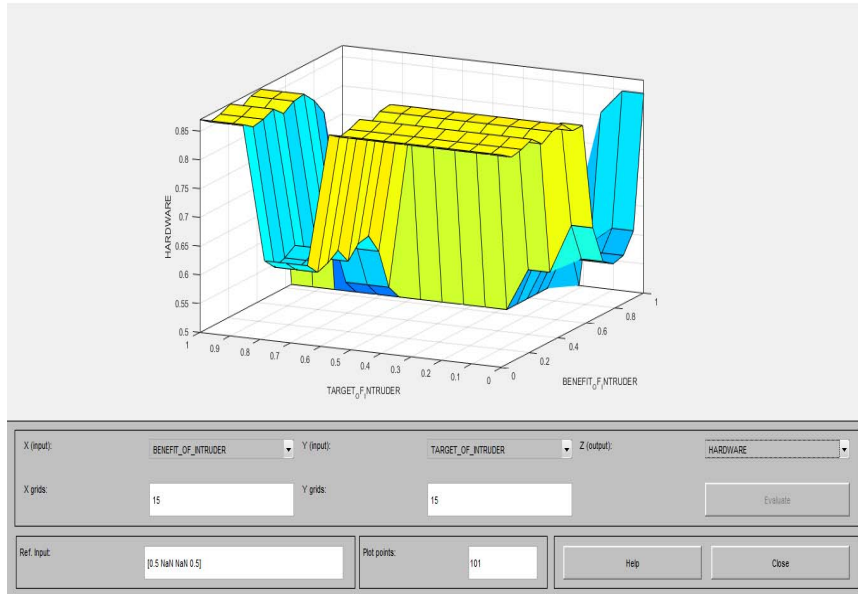


Figure 12: Benefit of intruders (BI) criteria is in x axis, and Target of Intruders (TI) criteria are in y axis, and solution criteria hardware (H) is in z axis.

As shown Figure 13 benefits of intruders (BI) criteria is in x axis, and Target of Intruder (TI) criteria is in y axis, and solution criteria People ware (P) is in z axis.

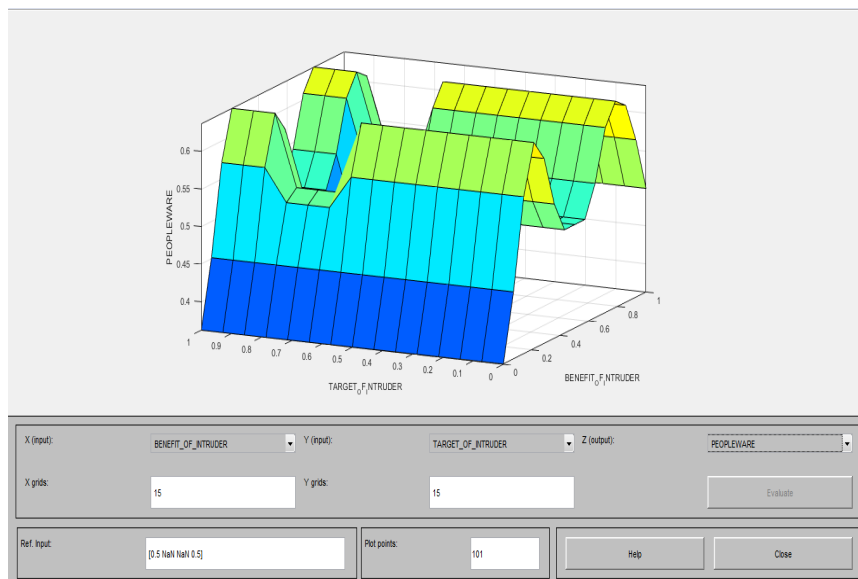


Figure 13: Input variables Benefit of Intruders (BI), Target of Intruder (TI), vs. output variable People ware (P)

As shown Figure 14 Intruders (I) criteria is in x axis, and Intruder techniques (IT) criteria is in y axis, and solution criteria Peopleware (P) is in z axis.

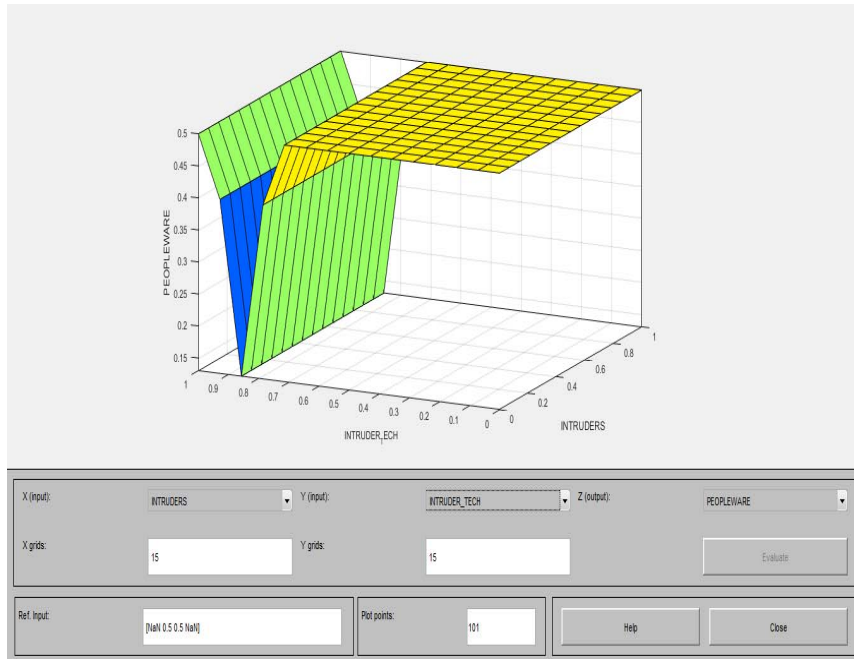


Figure 14: Input variables Intruders (I), Intruder Techniques (IT) vs. output variable People ware

As shown Figure 15 Target of Intruders (TI) criteria is in x axis and benefit of Intruder (BI) criteria is in y axis and solution criteria Software (S) is in z axis.

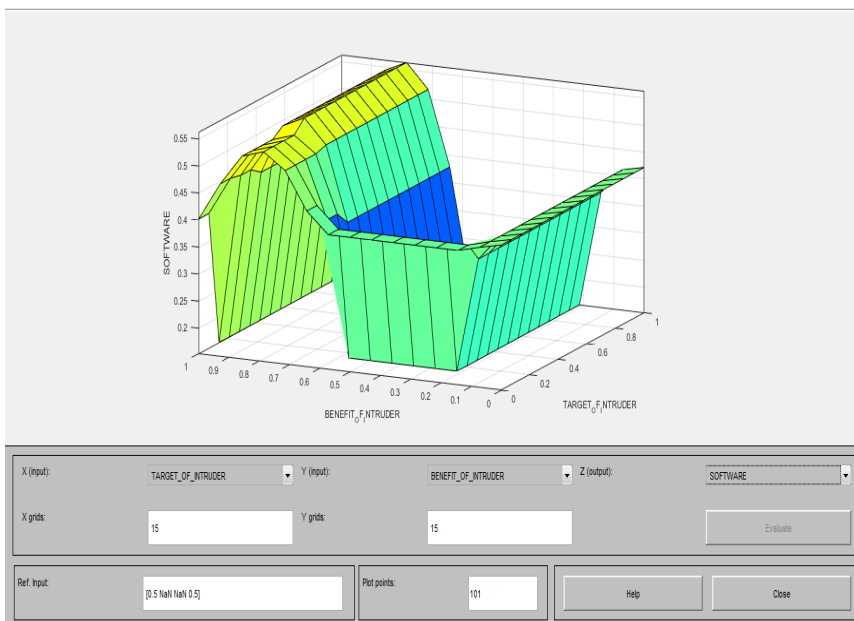


Figure 15: Input variables Target of Intruders (I), Benefit of Intruder (BI) vs. output variable Software (S)

In Figure 16 of fuzzy rule viewer for Intelligent cyber security system is shown using MATLAB. According to the proposed model, a sample solution is given in Figure 16 when IT=0.135; BI=0.32; TI=0.187; I=0.57. Here, model outputs are S=0.192; H=0.869 and P=0.839. Output of S=0.192 means that system Software Update (SU); H=0.571 means that system needs Technical support (TS); P=0.839 means that user needs user control (UC) is important.

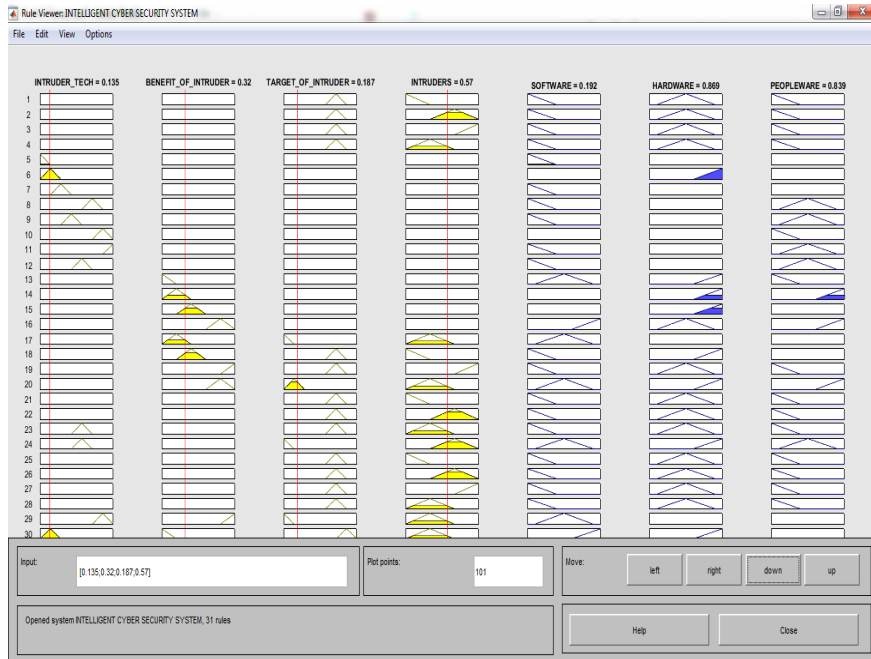


Figure 16: Fuzzy Rule viewer for intelligent cyber security system

Conclusion

In this work Fuzzy logic methodology are applied to cybersecurity. From the Inputs variables used triangular membership was used moreover, linguistic variables derived from the inputs and rules were extracted best on this linguistic variable and the system used them to evaluate the cyber-attack. The concept used in this work can be used to modeled the cyber security system.

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