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## **Cyber Threat Identification and Mitigation**

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**Abstract:** Considerable research has been conducted on neural networks and their relevance to identification of cyber threats. The frequency and intensity of cyber-attacks have grown significantly in recent years. The time to detection and mitigation of these cyber threats have allowed for more types of Distributed Denial-Of-Service (DDOS), password, and malware attacks to manifest without an organization having any awareness of their presence. Government organizations in conjunction with the private sector has been researching and developing applications using cognitive neural networks to assist in the detection, mitigation, and eventually the prediction of several types of cyber-attacks. The overall goal of this paper is to demonstrate the operation of a fractal neural network and its benefits towards detecting and mitigating specific cyber threats.

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