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network. While passive attacks are mainly due to lack of cooperation with the purpose of saving energy selfishly. Nodes that perform active attacks with the aim of damaging other nodes by causing network outage are considered as malicious while nodes that make passive attacks with the aim of saving battery life for their own communications are considered to be selfish.

4. 1 Wormhole Attacks Wormhole attack is also called as tunnelling attack. A tunnelling attack is where two or more nodes may collaborate to encapsulate and exchange messages between them along existing data routes.

This exploitation gives the opportunity to a node or nodes to short-circuit the normal flow of messages creating a virtual vertex cut in the network that is controlled by the two colluding attackers.

4. 2 Attacks Using Impersonation As there is no authentication of data packets in current ad hoc network, a malicious node can launch many attacks in a network by masquerading as another node i. e. spoofing.

Due to a malicious node misrepresents its identity in the network (such as altering its MAC or IP address in outgoing packets) and alter the target of the network topology.

4. 3 Lack of Cooperation Mobile Ad Hoc Networks (MANETs) rely on the cooperation of all the participating nodes. The more powerful a MANET gets as the more nodes cooperate to transfer traffic. But one of the different kinds of misbehaviour a node may exhibit is selfishness. A selfishness node uses the resources of other nodes while preserving own resources. This can endanger the correct network operation by simply not participating to the operation or by not executing the packet forwarding.

This attack is also known as the black hole attack. 4. 4 Attack through

Fabrication In Fabrication an unauthorized party not only gains the access but also inserts counterfeit objects into the system. In MANET, fabrication is used to refer the attacks performed by generating false routing messages. Such kind of attacks can be difficult to verify as they come as valid constructs, especially in the case of fabricated error messages that claim a neighbour cannot be contacted. Security Attacks on each layer

in MANET Table 1	Layer	Attacks
Application layer		Repudiation, data corruption
Transport layer		SYN flooding
Network layer		Session hijacking, Wormhole, black hole, Byzantine, flooding, resource consumption
Data link layer		location disclosure attacks
Physical layer		Traffic analysis, monitoring, disruption
MAC (802.11), WEP weakness		Jamming, interceptions, eavesdropping

Table - 2 Security Issues for MANET

Layer	Security Issues
Application layer	Detecting and preventing viruses, worms, malicious codes and application abuses
Transport layer	Authentication and securing end-to-end or point-to-point communication through data encryption
Network layer	Protecting the ad hoc forwarding protocols
Data link layer	Protecting the wireless MAC protocol and providing link layer security support
Physical layer	Preventing signal jamming denial-of-service attacks

5. Countermeasures Secure communication between two communicating devices is one of the primary concerns in MANET. It is necessary for basic

network functions like routing and packet forwarding. If countermeasures are not embedded into basic network functions at the early stages of their design, the network operation can easily be jeopardized. To handle the malicious attacks, a number of mechanisms have been proposed. Following two mechanisms widely used to protect the MANET from the attackers.

Preventive mechanism: The conventional approaches such as access control, authentication, encryption and digital signature are used to provide first line of defence. Some security modules, such as tokens or smart card that is accessible through PIN, passphrases or biometrics verification are also used in addition.

Reactive mechanism: Intrusion detection system (IDS) and cooperation enforcement mechanisms schemes etc are used in MANET to detect misuse and anomalies. Cooperation enforcement such as Nuglets, Confidant, CORE and Token-based reduce selfish node behaviour.

5. 1 Countermeasures on Physical Layer Attacks