Source Extraction in Bandwidth Constrained Wireless Sensor Networks

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1 Sensor Networks

- A large number of small sensors, connected by wireless links, are densely deployed in a sensing field
- These sensors are energy-limited and has limited communication and computation capabilities
- Sensor observations would be corrupted by noise and distorted by wireless channels when transmitted



2 Distributed Estimation

- Detection, estimation, target tracking, etc
- Estimation
- parameter estimation
- deterministic signal estimation
- random signal estimation
- blind source separation (extraction)

Distributed Estimation

• Sensor network with a fusion center



2 Distributed Estimation

Parameter estimation



 $x_k = \theta + n_k, \qquad k = 1, 2, \dots, K.$

- Applications
- speech recognition, image restoration, biomedical engineering, and so on





- Done by sensor arrays
- The simplest mixing model
- instantaneous linear mixing $\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{As}(t) + \mathbf{v}(t)$
- More complicated mixing models
- convolutive mixing and nonlinear mixing

$$\boldsymbol{x}(t) = \sum_{\tau=0}^{q} \boldsymbol{H}(\tau) \boldsymbol{s}(t-\tau), \quad t = 0, \dots, N-1$$

 $\mathbf{x}(t) = \boldsymbol{F}(\mathbf{s}(t))$

- Separation
- simultaneous separation of all sources y(t) = Wx(t)
- to determine the separation matrix
- Extraction
- sequential extraction one by one
- to determine the extraction vector w
- Contrast functions
- principles: statistical, information-theoretic, geometric, etc
- to recover the sources using only the observations

- Intrinsic ambiguities
- amplitude, order of sources
- Assumptions
- source, mixing matrix
- the sources are mutually independent, zero mean, have unit variance and at most one of them is Gaussian
- the mixing matrix has full column rank
- the sources are stationary or nonstationary

 Cluster-based sensor network, sensor network with a fusion center, sensor network for distributed extraction



- Instantaneous linear mixing, possibly corrupted by noise
- sensor observation model

$$y_n(t) = \sum_{j=1}^J a_{nj} s_j(t) + w_n(t), \quad n = 1, \dots, N$$

- J is known *a priori* and N > J
- The communications are assumed to be error-free. The focus is on
- the quantization effect of sensor observations

- Basic idea
- reconstruct the original mixtures at the cluster head or the sink
- quantization of sensor observations
- Suppose the sensor observations are bound to [-W, W]
- the quantization bit budget M_i

$$\begin{split} \tilde{y}_i &= (W + y_i)/2W. & z_{i,k} = F_i(\tilde{y}_i, M_i)_k, \ k = 1, \cdots, M_i \\ (\tilde{y}_i - q_i)|_t &= \sum_{k=1}^{M_i} b_k 2^{-k}, \ b_k = 0, 1 & \tilde{z}_i = 2W \sum_{k=1}^{M_i} z_{i,k} 2^{-k} - W. \\ F_i(\tilde{y}_i, M_i) &= b_1 \cdots b_{M_i}, \end{split}$$

- Example: cluster-based sensor network
- reconstruction of mixtures observed by the cluster members



- Information retrieval task
- to extract one source each round at the sink
- Source extraction algorithm
- fast fixed-point algorithm with pre-whitening
- let $Z = [y_{\beta}, \tilde{z}_1, \cdots, \tilde{z}_N]^T$
- new mixing model

 $Z = \mathbf{A}S + U$ $U = [w_{\beta}, w_1 - 2Wq_1, \cdots, w_N - 2Wq_N]^T$

- Simulation settings
- cluster-based sensor network vs. benchmarking case
- sources: two chaotic signals, i.e., logistic map and Chebyshev map
- the mixing coefficients are randomly generated from the standard normal distribution
- the ambient noise levels and the number of quantization bits are assumed to be identical for all sensors
- the correlation coefficient is adopted to evaluate the performance

- Simulation results (1)
- success rate ρ



- Simulation results (2)
- ρ versus M_i N = 12 SNR = 20 dB



- Simulation results (3)
- ρ versus SNR N = 12 $M_i = 4$



- Simulation results (4)
- ρ versus N $M_i = 1$ SNR = 20 dB



- Performance
- success rate ρ multi-cluster
- Total energy consumption E_{total}
- sensing, computation and communication

$$E_{h,\text{total}}^{k} = E_{h,s}^{k} + E_{h,\text{comp}}^{k} + E_{h,\text{comm}}^{k}$$

$$\approx LE_{\infty} + \beta_{1}E_{c} + \beta_{2}E_{c}N_{k}^{2}$$

$$+LME_{\text{elec}}(N_{k} - 1)$$

$$+8L(E_{\text{elec}} + \epsilon_{\text{mp}} d_{s,k}^{4}).$$

$$E_{\text{nh,total}}^{k,i} \approx LE_{\text{se}} + \beta_{3}E_{c} + LM(E_{\text{elec}} + \epsilon_{\text{fs}} d_{c,k,i}^{2}).$$

$$E_{\text{total}} = \sum_{k=1}^{K} E_{h,\text{total}}^{k} + \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{k}-1} E_{\text{nh,total}}^{k,i}.$$

- Cluster formation strategy
- to minimize the energy consumption relating to distance
- PSO algorithm



- Effective energy consumption
- definition: $\frac{E_{\text{total}}}{\rho}$
- Optimal number of clusters K_{opt}
- criteria: minimizing effective energy consumption
- Analysis
- the existence and the uniqueness of K_{opt}
- The simulation results coincide with the theoretical ones

- Simulation settings
- the energy parameters (J)
- the system parameters

M = 4

- the sensor network deployment
- the cluster members are uniformly distributed over a 100 m×100 m area centered at the origin. The sink is placed over the origin and is 200 m away from the area.

- Simulation results (1)
- parameter setting

(a) J = 2, N = 120, L = 100. (b) J = 3, N = 120, L = 100. (c) J = 2, N = 240, L = 100. (d) J = 2, N = 120, L = 200.











(c)

(d)

• Simulation results (2)

 K_{opt} versus J, with N = 120, L = 100.



• Simulation results (3)

 K_{opt} versus N, with J = 2, L = 100.



• Simulation results (4)

 K_{opt} versus L, with J = 2, N = 120.



6 Future Works

 Source Extraction in Heterogeneous Wireless Sensor Networks

different local signal-to-noise-ratios, sensor observations are bounded to different intervals

- Source Extraction in a Correlated Sensing Field
- Analysis

to identify the conditions under which the sources can be separated, which are related to the number of sensors, the number of quantization bits, and so on



