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Distributed inference and social learning in wireless sensor networks

Abstract:

The past decade has seen numerous efforts towards studying distributed inference in wireless sensor networks. We aim at presenting some of these efforts with emphasis on Bayesian learning in sensor networks. The sensors have reasoning ability based on the Bayesian paradigm. They receive both private signals about the state of nature and information about the state of nature from neighboring sensors. At the end, they have to solve a task that may be detection, localization, tracking, or classification of spatio-temporal events. First, naïve learning based on weighted averages of neighbors' beliefs is discussed followed by fully Bayesian learning. Several scenarios are examined where the exchanged information with neighboring sensors can be private signals, beliefs in a certain hypothesis or states, or decisions on tested hypotheses. Comparisons of various approaches are shown and their advantages and disadvantages discussed. Fusion of information from sensors that produce different beliefs using particle filters is examined. Strategies for improved inference while saving power on communication are also addressed. All the setups are demonstrated with examples.

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