Fault-tolerant Relay Node Placement in Heterogeneous Wireless Sensor Networks

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Introduction

- The followings may cause sensors to fail
 - battery depletion
 - environmental impairment
- To achieve fault tolerance
 - Relay node placement

Introduction

- Most of the current work focus this placement on homogeneous WSNs.
 While this paper focus on Heterogeneous WSNs.
- There are two placements:
 - FFRP Full Fault-tolerance Relay node Placement
 - PFRP Partial Fault-tolerance Relay node Placement

Introduction

- There are also two communication paths:
 - One way path
 - Two way path
- Each of these four problems is NP-hard, we develop some approximation algorithms for these problems

FFRP

• A full 2-vertex connected networks



PFRP

• A partial 3-vertex connected network



H-WSNs

- Heterogeneous WSNs
- Target nodes have different radii
- Relay nodes have the same radius
- Due to the above assumptions:
 - One-way paths
 - Two-way paths

One-way PFRP

• At first, create a complete graph

• Using the following equation to define the weight of each edge

Equation 1.

$$weight(\overrightarrow{uv}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } T(u) \ge |uv| \\ \lceil \frac{|uv| - T(u)}{T(relay)} \rceil & \text{if } T(u) < |uv| \end{cases}$$
(1)

One-way PFRP

- Let C be a complete graph containing the above weighted edges and target nodes
- Compute an approximation directed MKCSG M of C using a p-approximation algorithm
- One-way steinerize each edge and place the relay nodes
- This is an O(pk²)-approximation algorithm

MKCSG

- Using greedy algo
- At first, add all edges in C with weight zero
- Repeatedly add the edge with highest contribution
- Test each edge in decreasing order of weight

Contribution

• The contribution of an edge is defined as the number of unsaturated node pairs.

- Unsaturated node pairs:
 - The connectivity is lower than k

One-way steinerization



Two-way PFRP

- Similar to One-way PFRP
- Using equation 2 to define the weight

$$\begin{split} \delta &= \min\{T(u),T(v)\},\\ \lambda &= \min\{T(u),T(relay)\} \text{ and } \omega &= \min\{T(v),T(relay)\}. \end{split}$$

$$weight(\widehat{uv}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |uv| \le \delta \\ \lceil \frac{|uv| - \lambda - \omega}{T(relay)} \rceil + 1 & \text{if } |uv| > \delta \end{cases}$$
(2)

• Then, do two-way steinerization

Two-way steinerization



- Partial:
 - one target node to another target node
- Full: additional viewpoints
 - one target node to another relay node
 - one relay node to another relay node

 Execute One-way PFRP algo on V and get a set of relay nodes R

 Place k-1 additional relay nodes at the position of every relay node in each super path

- For each starting or ending node u of a super path, we segment u's neighborhood with (T(u),T(relay))
- Place a cluster of k-1 relay nodes at the position of u
- Place a cluster of k relay nodes at the center of each cell

Segmentation

- Node u is a target node
- Nodes in each cell are all relay nodes besides node u.



Segmentation



- Finally, for each cluster
 - Check if the resulting network is k-vertex connected when remove all relay nodes in the cluster
 - If so, remove them

• This is an O(pk³)-approximation algorithm

Performance

- Use Qualnet 3.8 as the simulation platform
- Randomly place target nodes in a 1000m
 x 1000m 2D terrain
- T(min) = 200m
- T(max) = 500m
- T(min)<=T(u)<=T(max)
- 50 runs

Performance

T(relay) = 350mThe number of target nodes is from 5 to 50



Performance

 $T(min) \le T(relay) \le T(max)$ The number of target nodes is 20 and 60



Conclusions

• Pursue tighter performance ratios of the approximation algo

• Pursue better heuristic implementation