## Pervasive Systems

Wiselib Implementation

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> Lecture 19: Wiselib: Algorithmic Library for WSN



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- In Theoretical Computer Science, researchers tend to design an algorithm in an abstract way.
- An algorithm should be able to be used in many different situations.
- It is up to the developer to decide the way it should be turned into code for a real system.
- Going from theory into practice is hard requires programming skills in addition to knowledge in algorithm theory.
- The developer also finds many limitations due to the given hardware and software specifications.
- In WSN this is further augmented due to the extremely limited resources and also due to the heterogeneous nature (both in terms of hardware and software).

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Our Approach	Self-Organizing Algorithm Overview		
<ul> <li>Instead of trying to cope with all possible types of internal or external events we follow the approach of self-organization</li> <li>We propose an self-organizing algorithm that is verified to be correct using theoretical analysis</li> <li>We implement our solution by following a component-based design.</li> <li>We totally avoid implementing our algorithm as a monolithic, stand-alone piece of code.</li> <li>We conduct a thorough evaluation using an experimental testbed environment.</li> <li>For all cases, our results indicate that our approach adapts to the external and internal changes.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The algorithm partitions the node of the network into small clusters that are then merged to form bigger clusters and so on.</li> <li>Nodes continuously monitor the local topology. <ul> <li>If they do not detect any cluster, they take the initiative to create a new one.</li> <li>If one or more clusters exist, they join one of these using some very simple criteria.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The network parameter k is used to control the cluster size: <ul> <li>Set by the network operator and can be modified during the execution of the protocol.</li> <li>The protocol adapts by adjusting the cluster size so that they have a diamater of 2 × k.</li> <li>The adaptation to the new size requires O(k) execution rounds.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
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Network Initialization	Self-Organizing Neighborhood Discovery		

- Our algorithm follows the self-stabilization approach, so we do not assume any initialization phase.
- It is capable of starting from any configuration where the nodes of the network are set to any arbitrary state.
  - some nodes may consider themselves as cluster heads,
  - others may consider as members of non-existing clusters, etc..
- Regardless of this initial arbitrary state, within a bounded number of steps, our algorithms converges to a stable configuration
  - i.e., a configuration where all nodes of the network participate in a valid cluster of k hop diameter
- This is done regardless of the way that the devices are positioned in the network area.

- An important aspect is the ability to detect the current topology of the network.
- Simple approach: each node periodically broadcast beacon messages that include its unique id.
- Problem: Communication is carried out via a wireless channel
  - its quality varies over time.
- Solution:
  - Take into account the Link Quality Indicators (LQI) provided by the MAC layer for each received message beacon
    - Consider beacon messages with LQI above a certain threshold.
    - Drop messages below another LQI threshold.
  - Allow a node to miss a number of beacons within a given period of time before removing it (called the *timeout period*)



- Join Decision (JD). Methodology by which nodes decide to join cluster-heads.
- Iterator (IT). Categorizing and storing information related to neighboring nodes for other algorithms to be able to use it.



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