

# Topology Control in Wireless Sensor Network using Fuzzy Logic

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**Abstract** — Network sensors consist of sensor nodes in which every node covers a limited area. The most common use of these networks is in unreachable fields.

Sink is a node that collects data from other nodes. One of the main challenges in these networks is the limitation of nodes battery (power supply). Therefore, the use of topology control is required to decrease power consumption and increase network accessibility.

In this paper, a network is modeled by a graph. Each vertex in the graph indicates a sensor node and the edges display the communication links between them. Changes in the graph show changes in network topology and a different path to the sink.

In this research, “fuzzy logic” is used for topology control.

As the fuzzy logic utilizes optimized sensing radius comparing with minimum-maximum sensing radius, we expect less dead nodes, more mean residual energy and relatively more load balance in the network. At first, 2-input fuzzy algorithm was chosen. However 3-input fuzzy algorithm was also observed due to reasons explained in the main text.

In both algorithms, we have load balance in network and prolong network lifetime. Unreachable paths are less encountered with higher rates of packet delivery. The final standard deviation (STD) reaches to its minimum level, while the residual energy in sensors remains close to each other.

**Index Terms** —Wireless sensor network, Topology control, Fuzzy logic

## I. INTRODUCTION

Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) is used to monitor a vast and remote region [1], WSN is composed of small sensor nodes collaborating among themselves [2].

Topology control is used in WSNs to achieve energy conservation and longer network lifetime. This technique applies fuzzy logic approach to control the topology of network.

All nodes in a network are randomly and uniformly deployed. First we use two inputs: Difference between the number of nodes with minimum-maximum sensing radius and Percentage of residual energy. However, because of a few disadvantages another input Proximity to sink was added.

This paper is organized as follows. Section II focuses on related works. Section III provides formulation for energy consumption. Section IV presents the proposed algorithm. Section V discusses the simulation results followed by the conclusion part in section VI.

## II. RELATED WORKS

In [3] fuzzy logic control is chosen to select leader in PEGASIS protocol. High power consumption in long chains is a disadvantage in PEGASIS [4]. In PEGASIS-TC, network topology concept is utilized for determining the node. Congestion in a spot in chain formation saves the energy and prolongs network lifetime. In additions to node’s residual energy and sink’s vicinity algorithm in fuzzy logic, leader is also chosen. In [5], the proposed algorithm is referred to as Residual Energy-aware Shortest Path (RESP). RESP is a localized and distributed

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topology control algorithm. It provides fault tolerance and extended network lifetime, by varying battery drain rates at different nodes and repeating periodically to adaptively adjust the transmission power levels at each node. In every round, each node builds its local shortest path tree by considering residual energy of neighbor nodes. Then, additional edges are added to the local sub graph so that the  $k$ -edge connectivity is guaranteed.

RESP consist of four phases: information collection, topology construction, and transmission power control and edge augmentation.

In [6] two new fuzzy controllers are proposed: LFTC (Learning-based Fuzzy-logic Topology Control and RFTC (Rules-based Fuzzy-logic Topology Control) .In LFTC controller is learnt from a training dataset and in RFTC controller is obtained through designing if-then rules and membership functions.

None of them rely on location information while being localized. When a node fails in these models, energy-efficient communications improve the network connectivity because: 1) due to closed loop feedback, systems are able to trace the desired node degree as node density changes. 2) The average communication range is lower than other algorithms. 3) Systems are totally localized and anted controllers' inputs are gained easily. 4) In networks with randomly failed nodes, (dynamic) connectivity shows to be still reasonable. In [7] a new algorithm is introduced for the mobile WSNs in which the distributions of the nodes are frequently changed. Here, two other topologies (chain-based and cluster-based) are compared with a topology called back-bone based. In this topology, the network is divided into upper and lower layers. In the upper layer, a backbone network is generated in which three kind of node are defined: 1) cluster- head node, 2) Gateway node, 3) Portal node. The rest are called ordinary ones. In this network, each sensor node only communicates with an ambient neighbor for data collection therefore the energy saving is highly obtained.

### III. ENERGY COST

In this algorithm, the formulas covered in [8] are used to calculate consumed energy for transmitting ( $ETx$ ) and receiving ( $ERx$ ) of a  $k$  bit message and a distance  $d=D(i,j)$  between them

are shown as follows:

Energy for transmitting:

$$ETx = E_{elec} \times k + E_{amp} \times k \times d^2 \quad (1)$$

Energy for receiving:

$$ERx = E_{elec} \times k \quad (2)$$

The energy consumption is divided into the transmit electronics ( $E_{elec}$ ) and transmitter amplifier ( $E_{amp}$ )

In this research, the distance between Node  $I$  and Node  $J$  is represented by  $d=D(i,j)$  which is defined as:

$$D(i,j) = \sqrt{(x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2} \quad (3)$$

Where

$$i, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n ; i \neq j$$

$x_i, y_i$  are coordinate of node( $i$ )

### IV. THE PROPOSED ALGORITHM

Our proposed fuzzy logic assigns the amount of "current distance" to each node according to the inputs and defined rules.

$N$  nodes are located in an  $L \times L$  sensor field. In the proposed algorithm, sensors' locations are determinate by a random number generator. They are also able to collect data from all covered nodes for to decide which node will be used in the next step of data transmission.

#### *Fuzzification Module*

In this paper, fuzzy logic model of Mamdani and triangular membership function are used. Each input function has five membership functions that depict the degree of the membership function. Also the output function is consists of five. The four Fuzzification functions (inputs and output) are shown in tables 1 and 2 respectively.

TABLE 1  
INPUT FUNCTIONS

Input	Membership functions
%Residual Energy	Very low – low – middle – high – very high
DiffMax/Min Covered	
Proximity	Very near – near – middle – far – very far

Each input function has five membership functions

TABLE 2  
OUTPUT FUNCTIONS

Output	Membership functions
Current distance	Very low – low – middle – high – very high

The architecture of the model is shown in fig1.

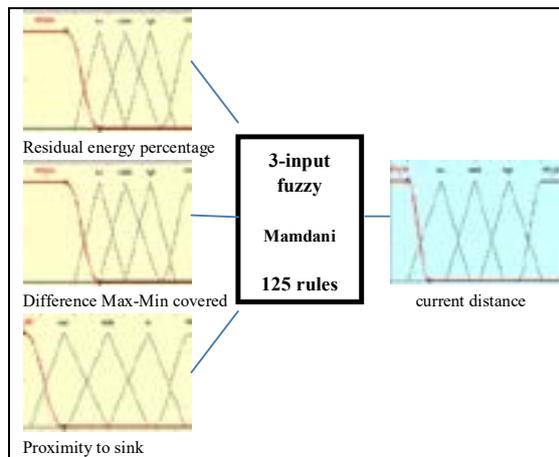


Fig. 1. System architecture

Our system consists of 25 rules for 2-input and 125 rules for 3-input in the fuzzy inference. The form of the rules is: IF A and B and C (C used for 3-input) THEN D, where A, B, C, D represent residual energy percentage, difference maximum-minimum covered, proximity to sink and current distance. Some examples of the rules are shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3  
SOME EXAMPLES OF RULES

%Residual energy	Diff Max/Min covered	Proximity	Current distance
high	high	Far	high
High	low	middle	middle
middle	high	Very far	Very high
low	Very high	Very far	high

The pseudo-code of the algorithm is given below:

**Algorithm: Topology control in wireless sensor network using fuzzy logic**

- 1) //Read Excel file that is containing properties of Nodes such as id, Xcor,Ycor, Residual Energy, Current Distance, Min Covered, MaxCovered, Difference Max Min Covered, proximity to the sink
- 2) //N= Number of nodes
- 3) //Sink is nth nodes
- 4) //Proximity to sink is distance each node to sink
- 5) //ERxConsumption is energy using in receiving

- 6) //ETxConsumption is energy using in transmitting
- 7) //Read start nodes from text file
- 8) //Maximum energy of each node is 1j
- 9) //Minimum energy of each node is 0.1j
- 10) //Minimum distance each node can cover is 20m
- 11) //Maximum distance each node can cover is 70 m
- 12) //Packet size is k=10,000 bit
- 13) for all of nodes do
- 14) Calculate Euclidean distance between nodes
- 15) end for
- 16) for all nodes do
- 17) Current Distance = Max Distance;
- 18) end for
- 19) while ~end of text file
- 20) Read start file
- 21) If Residual Energy of start node <Min Energy do
- 22) continue;
- 23) end if
- 24) calculate iteration
- 25) for all nodes do
- 26) if Euclidean distance between nodes is smaller than min distance
- 27) calculate Min Covered
- 28) end if
- 29) if Euclidean distance between nodes is smaller than max distance
- 30) calculate Max Covered
- 31) end if
- 32) end for
- 33) for all nodes do
- 34) calculate difference min covered and max covered
- 35) end for
- 36) open fuzzy file
- 37) for all nodes do
- 38) evaluate fuzzy rules according to inputs
- (%Residual energy, DiffMaxMin covered, proximity) for 3input Fuzzy and (%Residual energy, DiffMaxMin covered) for 2input Fuzzy
- 39) end for
- 40) draw graph
- 41) if distance from start node to sink=inf do
- 42) calculate iteration of unreachable nodes
- 43) end if

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44)   for all nodes do
45)     //sending packet
46)   If Residual Energy>Min Energy do
47)     calculate ETxConsumption
48)   end if
49)     //receiving packet
50)   If Residual Energy>Min Energy do
51)     calculate ERxConsumption
52)   end if
53)   for all nodes do
54)     If Residual Energy<Min Energy
do
55)       calculate dead nodes
56)     end if
57)   end for
58) end for
59) end while

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The descriptions of Pseudo-Code are given below:

Line14: The distance between all nodes are calculated by equation (3) and are inserted in  $N \times N$  matrix.

Line17: While the fuzzy logic is not determined yet, covered distance for all nodes will be equal to maximum distance before starting the program.

Line21: Starting point is checked for having minimum energy and being alive.

Line25 thru 32: The numbers of accessible nodes are verified according to the number of nodes located in between minimum/ maximum transmission radius.

Line34: Above mentioned amount will be one input for each node fuzzy logic system.

Line38: 2-input fuzzy system is used in this paper. The residual energy of a sensor, the difference numbers of nodes located between minimum/ maximum distance and finding the nearest node to sink within permitted radius are three criteria from which the first two are used in 2-input fuzzy and all of them are used in 3-input fuzzy systems. The current distance for each node is calculated according to the used algorithm.

Line40: When current distance for a node is verified, the nodes located in the vicinity would be defined. Graph theory is used to determine the path between these nodes.

Line44 thru 52: The energy of nodes involved in a transmission path is deducted according to equation (1) and (2) which residual energy is updated for each node. Both the source and the sink lose energy for transmittance and reception respectively. Depending to their function the

remaining nodes in the path lose both kinds.

In each step, the residual energy is checked with a minimum level of energy, defined at the beginning of each algorithm.

Line54 thru 57: If residual energy is less than the minimum level, the node fails, its relation with other nodes terminates, the received packet is decreased, it is deleted from network topology, creating the hole instead.

Below parameters are calculated in this research:

- The total of unreachable nodes
- The mean and the STD residual energy
- The percentage of successful transmission
- The number of program iteration in which first node dies.

In proposed algorithm definitions of network lifetime are:

1) The first node to die (the network died when the residual energy of node is less than the threshold).

2) When a node lose connection with other nodes.

## V. SIMULATION RESULTS

We simulated our algorithms in MATLAB R2012a to verify our results. We consider other two algorithms: Min which node covers minimum radius and Max which node covers maximum radius.

TABLE 4  
ASSUMPTION ISSUE

parameter	value
Maximum energy of node	1.0 j
Minimum energy of node	0.1 j
Max Distance	70m
Min Distance	20 m
$E_{elec}$	50 nj
K	10000 bit
Number of nodes	50 ,100
Initial node location	Randomly placed within the sensing region
$E_{amp}$	50 pj
Place of sink	(0,0)

The table (5) and fig (2) thru (5) are for networks with these properties:

Number of Nodes =50 and iteration=10,000

Table (5) illustrates five networks size for showing the number of program iteration in which first node dead.

TABLE 5  
FIRST ITERATION DEAD NODE

Network size	80×80	100×100	120×120	150×150	200×200
Min	1344	1616	875	-	-
Max	967	1264	1464	1097	966
2-Input Fuzzy	2844	988	568	-	-
3-Input Fuzzy	3023	3812	1013	1019	622

Overall, it can be seen that when the network size became larger, in Min and 2- inputs fuzzy algorithms the first node dies earlier than 2 other algorithms. “-“indicates network failure. Because of load balancing in 3- input fuzzy algorithm, sensor nodes collaborate with each other so the lifetime of sensor nodes can be prolonged.

Figure (2) shows the iteration of unreachable nodes when the size of network became large and number of neighbors became unreachable. They are not able to cover each other, because it will result in network disconnection. According to fig (2), (3) in 3-input fuzzy and Max algorithms, unreachable node does not occur and the sink receives all of packets. The packet delivery ratio is 100% which in Min and 2- input fuzzy are in smallest ratio.

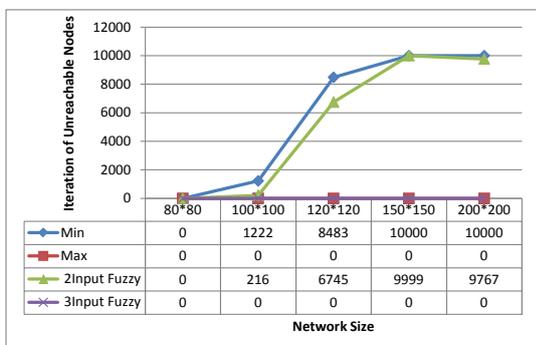


Fig. 2. Iteration of unreachable nodes

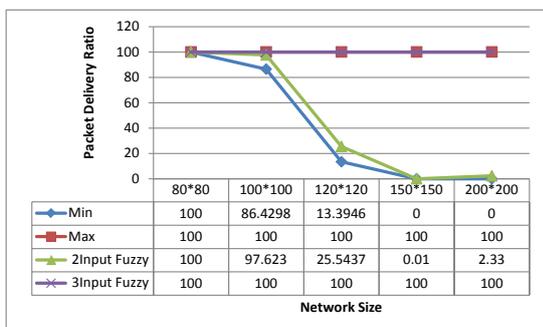


Fig. 3. Packet delivery ratio

The fig (4) and (5) illustrate the mean and STD residual energy percentage when the network fails. As it can be seen 100% energy has remained so the STD is meaningless. Because of the load balancing in 3-input fuzzy and Max, mean and STD has remained steady.

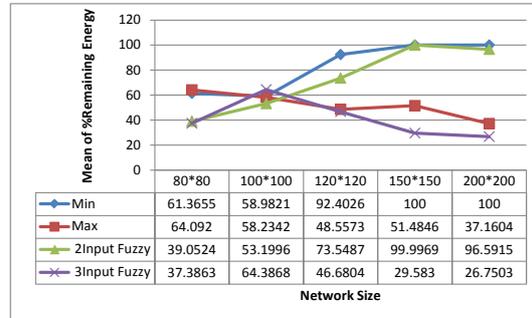


Fig. 4. Mean residual energy percentage

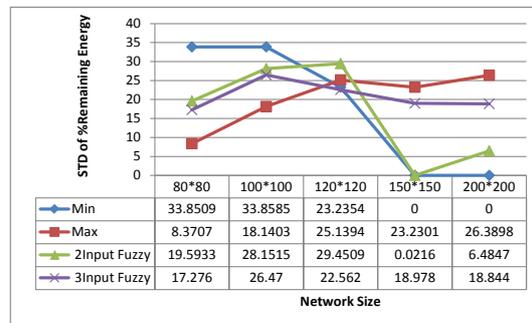


Fig. 5. The STD residual energy percentage

The tables (6) thru (10) are for networks with these properties:

Network size=100×100 and iteration=10,000

With increasing number of nodes in the network, we expect nodes centralize in a place with more collaboration between them. This causes nodes to consume energy while they send and receive packets and die faster.

When the number of nodes increases, the central nodes in the transmission of the packets increase as well. This also causes energy lost in most of the nodes and result in them dying faster.

As mentioned, centralize nodes prevent the unreachable nodes to occur more frequently. Furthermore packet delivery ratio will increase.

TABLE 6  
FIRST ITERATION NODE DIES

algorithm	Min	Max	2Input Fuzzy	3Input Fuzzy
50 nodes	1616	1264	988	3812
100 nodes	1204	837	1096	1143

TABLE 7  
ITERATION OF UNREACHABLE NODES

algorithm	Min	Max	2Input Fuzzy	3Input Fuzzy
50 nodes	1222	0	216	0
100 nodes	0	0	0	0

TABLE 8  
PACKET DELIVERY RATIO

algorithm	Min	Max	2Input Fuzzy	3Input Fuzzy
50 nodes	86.4896	100	97.623	100
100 nodes	100	100	100	100

TABLE 9  
MEAN RESIDUAL ENERGY PERCENTAGE

algorithm	Min	Max	2Input Fuzzy	3Input Fuzzy
50 nodes	58.982	58.234	53.199	64.386
100 nodes	68.96	80.804	71.240	68.249

TABLE 10  
STD RESIDUAL ENERGY PERCENTAGE

algorithm	Min	Max	2Input Fuzzy	3Input Fuzzy
50 nodes	33.8585	18.1403	28.1515	26.47
100 nodes	29.5138	10.9294	26.9609	23.4131

## VI. CONCLUSION

Although nodes decision making, takes place locally in our algorithm. However by omitting required energy to contact the main decider node, packet transmissions occur faster with more power consumption efficiency.

This algorithm is a time-driven procedure, instead of event-driven. In order to overcome this void, a new column can be added to node definition Excel file, showing the dead nodes to their ambient partners.

In 2-input fuzzy algorithm, according to each node the fuzzy logic output covers a part of its maximum radius. Meanwhile if this node adds a new criterion for selecting next node to the selection process (e.g.) finding accessible nodes which are closer to sink- the probability of reaching for a finer node with better access and less distance to the sink will efficiently increase. This leads us to a new 3-input fuzzy algorithm. In this algorithm the above mentioned rule is considered in conjunction with two other criteria: node's residual energy and the difference number of nodes covered by maximum and minimum radius respectively. Less number of involved nodes in packet transmission, less dead nodes and less unreachable nodes are considered as benefits

for recent algorithm.

According to simulation, algorithms which use fuzzy logic are energy efficient. This is because of the defined rules and nodes sensing percentage of maximum radius. This causes nodes to not waste energy so the residual energy is much more than the others. With fuzzy logic most of the nodes will collaborate. This collaboration of the nodes will result load balancing in network. So the nodes in this algorithm will survive longer than others which cause an increase in packet delivery ratio.

In Min algorithm, because of the sensing minimum radius, there will be more unreachable nodes. This will result low Packet delivery ratio.

Fuzzy logic systems encounter some problems in accordance with changing environments. Therefore, utilizing the neural networks' learning concepts in fuzzy systems, which is often named neural modeling, is presumed a good substitution in future networks.

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