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Statement of the problem studied

To develop algorithms for distributed inference applications, such as detection, classification, and target localization, for data obtained from heterogeneous sensors (including human sources).

Summary of most important results

1. Data collection.

A data collection effort at Syracuse University has resulted in a signal database generated from human indoor activity monitored by heterogeneous (multi-modal) sensors. The sensor suite comprised seismic, acoustic and video modalities. The experiments conducted under this setup were focused on a controlled scenario to enable a better understanding of signal behavior under excitation from human source. The environment was representative of a typical office setup consisting of a hallway with adjoining rooms. These experiments have led to the design of personnel detection and occupancy classification strategies (See items 3 and 4). Along with this indoor data, we have also collaborated with the US Army Research Laboratory and have applied our algorithms to an outdoor data-set collected at the US southwest border.

2. Copula-based dependence characterization for inference with heterogeneous sensor data.

We have used copulas to characterize the dependence and joint distribution between different sensor observations. Copula theory allows us to specify a multivariate distribution by coupling disparate marginal distributions of individual sensor observations. In other words, an explicit functional relationship between the joint distribution and its corresponding marginal distributions is specified and is called the copula function. Several copulas are defined in the literature, and therefore, copula selection is an important part of the inference problem.

2.1 Contributions to theory

We developed relevant theory for copula-based inference.

- (a) *Copula-based detection/classification.* We have addressed the copula selection issue for the detection problem using approaches based on area under the ROC and average loss of detection power [1, 2]. Asymptotic performance loss due to misspecification of the copula function in terms of error exponents is also quantified.
- (b) *Multivariate dependence.* We have developed a detection scheme that considers multi-sensor dependence using a copula-based approach [3]. Past applications using the copula-based approach have mostly been limited to the bivariate (2 sensor) case. Our detector is asymptotically optimal in the Neyman-Pearson sense. A multivariate copula is constructed based on the theory of vines. A novel tail dependence based node ordering scheme is proposed. Copula selection is performed using various minimum description length (MDL) criteria. We have shown that accounting for multivariate dependence, along with the node ordering, leads to significant improvement over a bivariate approach.

- (c) *Distributed detection and detection with dependent quantized data.* Sensor observations (or features extracted thereof) are most often quantized before their transmission to the fusion center for bandwidth and power conservation [1, 4]. A detection scheme is proposed for this problem assuming uniform scalar quantizers at each sensor. The designed rule is applicable for both binary and multibit local sensor decisions. An alternative suboptimal but computationally efficient fusion rule is also designed which involves injecting a deliberate disturbance to the local sensor decisions before fusion. The rule is based on Widrow's statistical theory of quantization. Addition of controlled noise helps to linearize the highly nonlinear quantization process thus resulting in computational savings. It is shown that although the introduction of external noise does cause a reduction in the received signal to noise ratio, the proposed approach can be highly accurate when the input signals have bandlimited characteristic functions, and the number of quantization levels is large. The proposed fusion rule reduces computational complexity from $O(2^N)$ to $O(N \log N)$.
- (d) *Nonstationary dependence.* The problem of detection for dependent, non-stationary signals where the non-stationarity is encoded in the dependence structure is considered in [5]. A sample-wise copula selection scheme for a simple hypothesis test is proposed. We prove that the proposed scheme performs better than previously used single copula selection schemes.

2.2 Applications

The developed theories were applied to the following applications.

- (a) *Footstep detection for indoor seismic/acoustic data.* A generalized likelihood ratio test (GLRT) based approach is applied to the seismic-acoustic fusion problem for footstep detection [2]. Spectral features (STFT) are calculated locally, at the sensor level. The fusion center uses a canonical correlation analysis (CCA) to transform the spectral signatures so that the features are maximally correlated. Copulas are used to characterize the nonlinear dependence and a GLRT decides the presence or absence of a footstep signal. The maximization of the likelihood function is done over both the parameter space of a given copula, as well as the family of copulas considered in the library. The copula selection is thus contained within the GLRT and is performed online. The generalized Gaussian distribution is used to model marginal statistics. The detector is tested against normal walk, brisk walk and running activities. For a 0.05 false-alarm probability, the copula based approach provides on an average 7% improvement in detection rate over product fusion under independence assumption. The copula-based approach is extended to a semi-parametric framework [6], wherein we investigate the effect of ignoring the marginal distribution on detector performance. The marginal distribution in many cases is difficult to model due to non-stationarity and temporal dependence. Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) and Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) are heuristic measures of information that are adopted for copula selection. Detection performance is evaluated for the seismic footstep data. The receiver operating characteristics show that the copula selected using either AIC or BIC is the best performing copula, i.e., the detector based on that copula has the highest

probability of detection for a fixed probability of false alarm. The copula selected using AIC/BIC is seen to give best detection performance.

- (b) *Footstep detection for outdoor seismic/acoustic data.* A copula-based detector using the Neyman-Pearson framework is designed. This detector implements the sample-wise copula selection scheme. We demonstrate the utility of our copula-based approach on simulated data, and also for outdoor sensor data collected by the Army Research Laboratory at the US southwest border. Our results show a 40% improvement in the probability of detection over conventional fusion schemes [5].
- (c) *Classification of heavy-tailed signals.* The copula-based multiinformation estimate is applied to a classification problem with heavy-tailed signals. Our copula-based features give a classification accuracy of up to 85% on test data [7]. The test data were EEG signals that were used to classify early onset of Alzheimer Disease.
- (d) *Biometric classification.* The copula framework yields superior results when applied to a multi-biometric person recognition dataset (NISTBSSR 1) [8]. We use a training-testing paradigm for this task. The copula parameters are learned during training, and thus during testing we do not need to estimate the parameters. Copula selection is done offline and two methods are proposed based on (a) area under the ROC, and (b) area under the probability of detection curve. The latter provides reduced computational complexity and provides a systematic KL-divergence based approach for copula selection.

3. Feature identification and neural network classification for occupancy classification

We have proposed a feature selection scheme for occupancy classification [9]. The classifier aims to determine whether there is exactly one occupant or more than one occupant. Data are obtained from six seismic sensors (geophones) that are deployed in a typical building hallway. After exploring multiple alternatives, we identified four features as being capable of assisting classification with a high degree of reliability. The four proposed features exploit amplitude and temporal characteristics of the seismic time series. A neural network classifier achieves performance ranging from 77% to 95% on the test data, depending on the type of construction of the location in the building being monitored.

4. Estimation

Several estimation problems under various scenarios were investigated.

- (a) *Conditional Posterior Cramér-Rao Lower Bounds for nonlinear sequential Bayesian estimation [10].* We have proposed and developed a new measure of online tracking performance: the Conditional Posterior Cramér-Rao lower bound (CPCRLB). Posterior Cramér-Rao lower bounds (PCRLBs) for sequential Bayesian estimators provide a performance bound for a general nonlinear filtering problem. However, the unconditional PCRLB is an off-line bound whose corresponding Fisher information matrix (FIM) is obtained by taking the expectation with respect to all the random variables, namely the measurements and the system states. As a result, the unconditional PCRLB is not well suited for adaptive resource management for

dynamic systems. The new concept of conditional PCRLB is dependent on the actual observation data up to the current time, and is implicitly dependent on the underlying system state. Therefore, it is adaptive to the particular realization of the underlying system state, and provides a more accurate and effective online indication of the estimation performance than the unconditional PCRLB. Both the exact conditional PCRLB and its recursive evaluation approach including an approximation are derived. A general sequential Monte Carlo solution is proposed to compute the conditional PCRLB recursively for nonlinear non-Gaussian sequential Bayesian estimation problems. Simulation results show quick convergence for the recursive computation of the CPCRLB.

- (b) *Source localization in wireless sensor networks.* A well-known method for static source localization is uses the energy readings of all sensors in the network. However, transmitting all sensor data to the fusion center may introduce communication and energy overhead. We consider the source localization problem in the presence of networked sensors. We propose an energy efficient iterative localization scheme, where the algorithm starts with a coarse location estimate obtained from a set of anchor sensors [11]. A subset of the non-anchor sensors is selected and corresponding sensors are activated in each iteration. The observations from these sensors are used to minimize the Posterior Cramér-Rao Lower Bound (PCRLB). Using the available information received at previous iterations as side information, the quantized data of each activated sensor is further compressed to conserve energy using distributed data compression techniques prior to transmission to the fusion center. Simulation results show that the proposed iterative method achieves the same estimation performance as when all the sensors transmit their quantized data to the fusion center within a few iterations, while at the same time significantly reducing the communication requirements resulting in energy savings. For selecting sensors at each iteration, we have developed and compared two sensor selection metrics based on mutual information (MI) and PCRLB. We show that our PCRLB-based method performs as well as the MI based approach, but does so with a significantly reduced computational burden. As a function of the number of selected sensors, the complexity to compute the MI grows exponentially, while the complexity of PCRLB computation increases only linearly. We extend our work considering channel fading between sensors and the fusion center where we consider complete and partial channel knowledge at the fusion center [12]. Simulation results show that partial channel knowledge at the fusion center achieves the estimation performance very close to that of having the complete channel knowledge.
- (c) *Distributed estimation under non-identical noise distribution.* We consider the problem of distributed estimation with heterogeneity in measurement error [13]. The observation noise of each sensor is independent but not identically distributed and each sensor transmits different amount of data to the fusion center depending on the quality of the sensor observation. We show that the complexity to compute average PCRLB (A-PCRLB) is high. We have, therefore, developed the inverse of the average Fisher information as a lower bound on the A-PCRLB. We assume a constraint on the total bandwidth. Each sensor, sending data at a specific quantization

rate, uses a certain transmission probability to send its data to the fusion center. Under stringent availability of bandwidth, simulation results show that the proposed probabilistic transmission scheme outperforms the scheme in terms of MSE where the total bandwidth is equally distributed among sensors.

- (d) *Coalitional game for distributed estimation.* In [14], we consider a collaborative estimation problem using dependent observations in a wireless sensor network, where each sensor aims to maximize its estimation performance in terms of Fisher information (FI) by forming coalitions with other sensors and collaborating within a coalition. The energy consumed by the sensors increases with the size of the coalition. The distributed estimation problem is formulated by taking into account this trade-off between minimized energy consumption and maximized Fisher information, and is, therefore, cast in a game theoretic framework. We prove that grand coalition will not form. We investigate the formation of non-overlapping coalitions such that each sensor's performance is maximized under a specific energy constraint. We decouple marginal and dependent components of FI obtained from the joint distribution by using copula theory. We introduce the novel concepts of diversity gain and redundancy loss and demonstrate how a copula-based formulation allows us to characterize these concepts. A merge-and-split algorithm is used for finding an optimal partition.

5. Distributed inference in the presence of Byzantine (unreliable) sensor nodes

Byzantines are nodes that alter their observations, and thus provide false information to the fusion center. In distributed detection systems, where nodes make one bit decisions regarding the presence of a phenomenon and collaboratively make a global decision at the fusion center (FC), Byzantines essentially flip their decisions before transmission to the FC. The performance of such systems strongly depends on the reliability of the nodes in the network. The robustness of distributed detection systems against attacks is of utmost importance for the functioning of distributed detection systems.

The problem of optimal distributed detection with independent identical sensors in the presence of Byzantine attacks is considered in [15]. By considering an attacker to be strategic in nature, we address the issue of designing the optimal fusion rule and the local sensor thresholds that minimize the probability of error at the fusion center (FC). We have addressed the problem of finding the optimal fusion rule under the constraint of fixed local sensor thresholds and fixed Byzantine strategy. We have also considered the problem of joint optimization of the fusion rule and local sensor thresholds for a fixed Byzantine strategy. These results are extended to the scenario where both the FC and the Byzantine attacker act in a strategic manner to optimize their own utilities. We model the strategic behavior of the FC and the attacker using game theory and show the existence of Nash Equilibrium. We observed that the joint optimization solution is independent of the Byzantine parameters.

The problem of covert attacks by Byzantine nodes is addressed in [16]. We introduce the problem of intelligent data falsification attacks on distributed detection systems. We propose a scheme to detect data falsification attacks and analytically characterize its performance. We determine the optimal

attacking strategy from the point of view of a smart adversary to disguise itself from the proposed detection scheme while accomplishing its attack.

In [17], an energy efficient localization scheme is proposed by modeling it as an iterative classification problem. We designed coding based iterative approaches for target localization. The FC iteratively solves an M-ary hypothesis test and decides the Region of Interest (ROI) for the next iteration. We also consider the presence of Byzantine (malicious) sensors in the network. We investigate the localization scheme over non-ideal channels and propose the use of soft-decision decoding to compensate for the loss due to the presence of fading channels between the local sensors and the FC. We show that the proposed soft-decision decoding scheme outperforms previously proposed hard-decision decoding schemes, both, in terms of target detection probability as well as the mean square error of location estimate. Using the soft-decoding scheme, we demonstrate an improvement of about 20% in detection probability and about a 50% reduction in the MSE for localization.

6. Classification using human workers

In [18], we consider the use of error-control codes and decoding algorithms to perform reliable classification using unreliable and anonymous human crowd workers by adapting coding-theoretic techniques for the specific crowdsourcing application. We develop an ordering principle for the quality of crowds and describe how system performance changes with the quality of the crowd. We demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed coding scheme using both simulated data and real datasets from Amazon Mechanical Turk, a crowdsourcing microtask platform. Results suggest that good codes may improve the performance of the crowdsourcing task over typical majority-vote approaches.

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1. a. NAME OF CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR Syracuse University		c. CONTRACT NUMBER W911NF-09-1-0244	2. a. NAME OF GOVERNMENT PRIME CONTRACTOR US Army	c. CONTRACT NUMBER W911NF-09-1-0244	3. TYPE OF REPORT (X one) ☐ a. INTERIM ☒ b. FINAL	
b. ADDRESS (include ZIP Code) 113 Bowne Hall Syracuse, NY 13244-1200	d. AWARD DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20090506	b. ADDRESS (include ZIP Code) 4300 S Miami Blvd. Durham, NC 27703	d. AWARD DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20090506	4. REPORTING PERIOD (YYYYMMDD) a. FROM 20090506 b. TO 20130815		

SECTION I - SUBJECT INVENTIONS

5. "SUBJECT INVENTIONS" REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED BY CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR (If "None," so state)		DISCLOSURE NUMBER, PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NUMBER OR PATENT NUMBER		ELECTION TO FILE PATENT APPLICATIONS (X)		CONFIRMATORY INSTRUMENT OR ASSIGNMENT FORWARDED TO CONTRACTING OFFICER (X)	
NAME(S) OF INVENTOR(S) (Last, First, Middle Initial)	TITLE OF INVENTION(S)	a.	b.	d.		e.	
				(1) UNITED STATES	(2) FOREIGN	(a) YES	(b) NO
N/A							

f. EMPLOYER OF INVENTOR(S) NOT EMPLOYED BY CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR		g. ELECTED FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN WHICH A PATENT APPLICATION WILL BE FILED	
(1) (a) NAME OF INVENTOR (Last, First, Middle Initial)	(2) (a) NAME OF INVENTOR (Last, First, Middle Initial)	(1) TITLE OF INVENTION	(2) FOREIGN COUNTRIES OF PATENT APPLICATION
(b) NAME OF EMPLOYER	(b) NAME OF EMPLOYER		
(c) ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER (include ZIP Code)	(c) ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER (include ZIP Code)		

SECTION II - SUBCONTRACTS (Containing a "Patent Rights" clause)

6. SUBCONTRACTS AWARDED BY CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR (If "None," so state)					
NAME OF SUBCONTRACTOR(S)	ADDRESS (include ZIP Code)	SUBCONTRACT NUMBERS	FAR "PATENT RIGHTS"		DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED UNDER SUBCONTRACT(S)
			d. (1) CLAUSE NUMBER	(2) DATE (YYYYMM)	
a.	b.	c.			e.

SECTION III - CERTIFICATION

7. CERTIFICATION OF REPORT BY CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR (Not required if: (X as appropriate))

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a. NAME OF AUTHORIZED CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR OFFICIAL (Last, First, Middle Initial) Gilbert, Mary Ellen	b. TITLE Research Administrator	c. SIGNATURE 	d. DATE SIGNED 10152013
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