Optimization of Cognitive Radio Sensing Techniques Using Genetic Algorithm

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ABSTRACT: Cognitive radio technology is a low cost communication system. The main reason of choosing the cognitive system is that it prevents the interfering of licensed and authorized users; by choosing the available frequencies and waveforms automatically. Today the development of the new radio technologies is limited because of the available radio spectrum. But the spectrum sensing is the vital technology in the radio networks. It enhances the spectral efficiency by filling the wireless spectrum voids. The code is written for cognitive radio architecture. In this architecture, a maximum of 300 nodes is taken as an architectural network. The aim of this work is to find the secondary users if the primary user is unable to transfer the data load which is provided to it. The problem of searching a secondary node is quite common in terms of cognitive radio networks. An optimal search method has been opted using GENETIC ALGORITHM. The genetic algorithm has three phases namely, Mutation – Cross-over, Objective Function and the fitness function. The mutation checks when the state of a node in the network changes. First of all node ids of all the nodes in the network is created. Further more if any id is repeated in the sequence, it is changed accordingly. When the data transfer comes into action and the primary user is not able to take the data load, Genetic algorithm is called, on the basis of the energy of the nodes, which are getting transferred from one end to another end. If the energy of the searched node is less than that of the threshold of the entire network then it is added to the objective function list else the node is ignored. The whole simulation is done in MATLAB 7.10 environment.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Wireless communication created a revolution in our lives. New wireless devices are capable of offering higher data rates and innovative services. Licensed and unlicensed spectrum is available for different wireless services. But with the exponential increase in wireless devices and their usage, the unlicensed spectrum is becoming scarce. Licensed spectrum is used for specific service while the unlicensed spectrum (Industrial, Scientific and Medical (ISM) radio bands) are freely available for wireless services and research purposes. Currently static spectrum allocation policy is in practice due to which bandwidth in unlicensed bands is becoming scarce and for licensed bands it is either underutilized or unoccupied. Licensed spectrum specifically TV spectrum and cellular spectrum are underutilized.

Cognitive Radio: a radio or system that senses its operational electromagnetic environment and can dynamically and autonomously adjust its radio operating parameters to modify interference, facilitate interoperability, and access secondary market. According to Federal communications commission (FCC) 2002, the licensed bands are underutilized and the ISM bands are over utilized. This report also stated that licensed bands average utilization is 15-85%. The unutilized portion of licensed spectrum is known as white space. White space could be defined by time, frequency and maximum transmission power at a specific location. This inefficient utilization occurs due to static spectrum allocation policy adopted by the governments worldwide. Solution to this inefficient spectrum utilization is dynamic spectrum access and allocation. The above mentioned statistics from FCC report shows inefficient utilization of spectrum which encouraged researchers to develop new spectrum sharing methodologies. Cognitive radio offers a novel solution to overcome the underutilization problem by allowing an opportunistic usage of the spectrum resources. This is evident from the definition of cognitive radio adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The cognitive radio is a spectrum agile system which has the ability to sense the communication environment dynamically and it can intelligently adapt the communication parameters (carrier frequency, bandwidth, power, coding schemes, modulation scheme etc.). Cognitive user should be capable of sensing the environment for the estimation of available...
resources and application requirements and could adopt their performance parameters according to user request and available resources. Secondary (cognitive) user can utilize the licensed spectrum (available white spaces) without affecting the priority utilization of the spectrum by primary user [1]. In this way, it maximizes the efficient licensed spectrum utilization.

II. RELATED WORK

Pham Tran et. al.[2], proposed a throughput-aware routing algorithm for enhancing throughput and decreasing end-to-end delay in industrial cognitive radio sensor networks. In the given work the routing algorithm is targeted at large-scale networks where data are forwarded through different clusters on their ways to the sink. The limitation of proposed algorithm is the fact that it requires extra-equipped cluster-heads. However, the number of cluster-heads is much smaller than the number of sensor nodes. Simulation results show that our scheme can decrease end-to-end delay.

Tung Thanh Le et. al. [3], proposed a bandwidth-aware localized routing algorithm that is capable of sensing the available spectrum bands within a two-hop neighbouring for choosing the highly opportunistic routes. Author proposes bandwidth-aware localized-routing algorithms, which choose highly competitive solutions for routing performance in CRNs. The given BARCON algorithm is completely suitable for applying to large networks since it is capable of reducing the high computational complexity in such networks.Srinivas Sethi et. al. [4], Author Observe that the overall performance of routing protocol in CRAHN is better at less numbers of secondary users (SUs) presents in the Cognitive radio ad hoc network. They discusses about to solve Spectrum decision and route selection problem which have vital role in cognitive radio ad hoc network (CRAHN), they discussed many researchers work, who developed different methodology how efficiently select the proper route between source and destination. Given paper has been analyzed the efficiency and routing load of on-demand routing protocol based on ad hoc on-demand distance vector (AODV) routing protocol for CRAHN.Shelly Salim et. al. [5], review the on-demand routing protocols applicable for CRAHNS, which are based on AODV, DSR, and hybrid protocols. After explaining their basic principles, we qualitatively compare the protocols in terms of inherent characteristics and performance. This paper further addresses the pros and cons of routing protocols, discusses research challenges, and open issues.Pan et. al. [6], proposes a multi-channel opportunistic routing protocol (MCORP) in CRSN. When assigning the priority of candidates, they introduce a new metric that balances the remaining power of the candidate, the delivery ratio and the ETX. The delivery ratio and ETX of each link can be calculated average for all channels contained in CRSN. Also, they propose a candidate construction algorithm since there exists a trade-off between the benefit (transmission reliability) and cost (energy consumption) when selecting the optimize candidate set. The main contribution of this paper is reflected in the packet forwarding process, which can utilize multi-channels also joint with the feature of opportunistic. Natrajanet .al. [7], presents a critical review and analysis of different categories of routing protocols for cognitive radio networks. They first classify the available solutions to two broad categories: those based on full spectrum knowledge (typically used to establish performance benchmarks) and those based on local spectrum knowledge (used for real-time implementation). The full spectrum knowledge based routing solutions are analyzed from a graph-theoretic point of view, and they review the layered graph, edge coloring and conflict graph models. They classify the various local spectrum knowledge based routing protocols into the following five categories: Minimum power, Minimum delay, Maximum throughput, Geographic and Class-based routing. A total of 25 routing protocols proposed for cognitive radio networks have been reviewed. We discuss the working principle and analyze the pros and cons of the routing protocols. Finally, they propose an idea of a load balancing-based local spectrum knowledge-based routing protocol for cognitive radio ad hoc networks.

III. PROPOSED ALGORITHM

a. GA APPROACH

The computation of the GA starts from the assortment of the chromosomes which are randomly generated. These chromosomes have certain characteristics and they follow the computation through generations. Chromosome fitness at a generation is calculated on the basis of stochastic calculation and mutation. The fitness is evaluated on individual basis and thus it gives rise to a new population of chromosomes. After this, an iterative algorithm will be used for the continuation of a process to several generations to generation, unless or until the most optimum solution is received.

It is stated that a GA can be implemented using the following steps:-

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1. **Initialization:** A random initial population of n chromosomes is generated. This population contains the available solutions for the specified problem.

2. **Fitness measures:** Evaluation of the fitness of an initial population’s chromosomes

3. **Construction of a new population:** Try the following steps to reproduce, until the production of the next generation completes:
   - **Selection:** A selection of chromosomes will be done in a way such that these chromosomes have the better level of fitness in the current available population.
   - **Crossover:** The crossover is done to make new individuals for the incoming generation. So with the defined probability of crossover, selected chromosomes reproduce to form new individuals.
   - **Mutation:** The new created individual will be mutated at a definite point.

4. **Stopping Criteria:** The process is repeated with all the above mentioned steps until a desired optimum solution is obtained or a set of maximum numbers of the population are generated. To implement the GA there are still several factors to consider, like creation of chromosomes, types of encoding used to perform the genetic algorithms, selection of the optimum chromosomes, and different criterion such as defining the fitness measure.

b. **Description of the Proposed Algorithm:**

1. Construct the proper chromosome structure.
2. Generate the initial population from random chromosomes.
3. Calculate the fitness measure for each chromosome.
4. Construct a new population using the following steps
   - Selection: Choose the fit chromosomes based on specified fitness measure and discard others, among the fit chromosomes select the best two and save them as elite chromosomes.
   - Crossover: Apply the crossover function on the selected chromosomes other than the elite chromosomes with a determined crossover function and rate.
   - Mutation: The chromosomes are mutated with a determined probability of mutation. In mutation every gene of the chromosomes is represented in form of binary bit strings. Put the chromosomes into the new generation.
5. Return to Step 3 until the new generation contains the desired individuals. Replace the old population with the newly generated population.
6. Terminate: When a good enough solution is achieved or a number of defined generations is produced.

### IV. FLOWCHART AND PSEUDO CODE

[Flowchart and Pseudo code diagram]
V. SIMULATION RESULTS

CR technology enables the reuse of the available spectrum resources. The basic limiting factor for spectrum reuse is interference, which is caused by the environment (noise) or by other radio transmissions. Above figure shows the deployment of primary and secondary nodes. We consider a CR network composed of K CRs (secondary users) and a common receiver. We assume that each CR performs spectrum sensing independently and then the local decisions are sent to the common receiver which can fuse all available decision information to infer the absence or presence of the PU.
Figure 1 Primary and secondary user

Above Figure shows, updating of weight vector of the nodes ranging from 0 to 1000.

Figure 2 Updating weight vector

Above figure shows the Genetic elements of training model.

Figure 3 Genetic training model
Above figure shows the processing of the genetic algorithm over the genetic vector.

Above figure displays the genetic element distance matrix, using genetic model. The graph says that there are ten genetic elements and each genetic element possesses a weight. The highest weight model will be selected as the genetic element for the current round. Each genetic element must satisfy the validation in each round to get selected. The validations are selected by the fitness function of genetic element model itself and it also depends upon the mutation and cross over of the taken genetic element.

In the above Figure, we find that the smallest numbers of CRs to get the error rate target are 1, 2, 3, 4,...,10 respectively. This indicates that it is sufficient to employ minimal cooperation to obtain a required quality-of-service. One of the most significant parameters of the selection of the secondary node is the error rate. The formula for the error rate is as follows.
The above figure shows the graphical representation between maximum speed and identification rate. It has been found out that using genetic algorithm the speed has been enhanced.

Figure 7 Max speed versus identification rate

The above figure shows the graphical representation between throughput and identification rate. It has been found out that using genetic algorithm the throughput has been enhanced.

Figure 8 Throughput versus Identification rate
The above figure shows the graphical representation between recognition rate and time. It has been found out that using genetic algorithm the node movement has been enhanced.

The above figure shows the graphical representation between movement and time. It has been found out that using genetic algorithm the node movement has been enhanced in terms of time.

VI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

Conclusion
To solve an optimization task, the given problem is needed to have a well-defined mathematical statement. Many problems can be solve in traditional ways but in cases with a very large solution set and no deterministic solution for a given problem, then an evolutionary computing approach like GA is required.

Still GA does not give a 100% solution of a problem, but it does give a solution which is one of the best for the problem. Due to the random behavior of GA, no one can predict a 100% solution and its execution time at any stage. The premature convergence of GA is also a big problem in finding a 100% result; in which GA may only find a local minimum and the algorithm just stays in that limit may ignore the optimum solutions. A poor definition of the fitness measure (FM) may also produce a bad solution. In the FM of the chromosome each gene contributes according to their specified gene weight (GW) and fitness point (FM). The FM and GW directly affects the total fitness of the chromosomes and hence the total process. The premature convergence of GA can be controlled in several ways:

- An increase in the initial population will decrease the chances of premature convergence of the algorithm, but the execution time will increase accordingly.
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- The use of more crossover and mutation will also decrease the chances of premature convergence but still this will also randomize the new generations and will also increase the computation time. The above mentioned possible solutions are very easy to implement but still there is an ambiguity in radio communications, as the time plays an important role and the QoS requirements of an application may put a limit on the required time. Keeping all these aspects in mind it is concluded that the proposed design is a somehow favorable solution for this spectrum allocation problem in a CR. It gives the best solution among the available solutions in time

Future Scope
This work has the research opportunities in both CR and GA fields. In the future, to get a more optimum solution a proper seed for the population can be proposed also a different crossover or mutation mechanism can be designed to increase the performance. Furthermore, a chromosome with more or less genes can be used.

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