Principles of Wireless Sensor Networks

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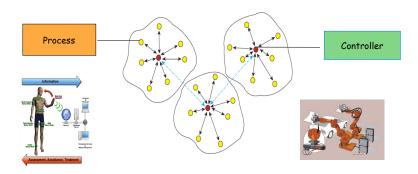
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Today's Lecture



Today we study how to perform estimation from noisy measurements of the sensors

Motivation

- plays a central role in many networked applications
- accurately predicts the parameters of a phenomenon
- communication: position, navigation
- monitoring: pollutant, earthquake magnitude
- surveillance: crowd density, attitude

Today's Learning Goals

- overview on some of the fundamental aspects of distributed estimation over networks
 - star topology
 - general topology
 - LMMSE estimate
 - static sensor fusion
- advanced topics
 - sequential measurements from one sensor
 - sequential measurements from many sensors (dynamic sensor fusion)
 - dynamic sensor fusion, distributed Kalman filtering
 - static sensor fusion with limited communication range

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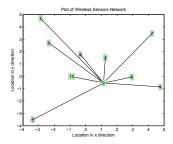


Figure: Network with a Star Topology: Solid lines indicating that there is message communication between nodes. In this network, Node 9 can receive information from all other nodes. Thus Node 9 is the central unit.

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- multiple sensors make measurements
- measurements are transmitted to a fusion center (no messages losses are assumed)

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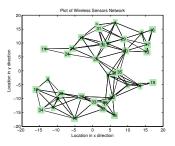


Figure: Network with a Arbitrary Topology: Solid lines indicating that there is message communication between nodes. In this network, there is no node acting as fusion center.

- the **phenomenon** is observed by a number of sensors organized arbitrarily
- multiple sensors make measurements
- measurements are not transmitted to a fusion center
 - indeed, no fusion center. every node is a sort of local fusion center

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- goal: how to estimate **x** out of the measurement **y** ?

Model of the Estimator

linear estimator, i.e.,

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{L}) = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{y}$$

- y: sensor measurement(s)
- $\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{L})$: estimator of \mathbf{x} , dependent on \mathbf{L}
- we need to compute a good estimate $\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\cdot) \Rightarrow$ what matrix \mathbf{L} to be used ?
- ullet performance criterion for computing ${f L}$?

Mean Squared Error (MSE) to Chose L

a good estimate $\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\cdot)$ is found by considering the **MSE**, which is given by the trace of **error covariance matrix** \mathbf{C} of the estimator

• in particular, for fixed L, MSE is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE}(\mathbf{L}) &= \mathsf{Tr} \left\{ \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{L}) \right\} \\ &= \mathsf{Tr} \left\{ \mathsf{E} \left\{ (\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{L}) - \mathbf{x}) (\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{L}) - \mathbf{x})^\mathsf{T} \right\} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathsf{E} (\hat{x}_i(\mathbf{L}) - x_i)^2 \end{aligned}$$

- let $\mathbf{L}^* = \arg\min_{\mathbf{L}} \mathrm{MSE}(\mathbf{L})$
- then, $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{L}^{\star}\mathbf{y}$ is called the **linear minimum MSE (LMMSE)** estimate of \mathbf{x}

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 \bullet we need to show that $\mathbf{L}^{\star} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{v}}^{-1}$

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Proof:

preliminaries:

- (1) $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} \succeq \mathbf{B}$ when $\mathbf{A} \succeq \mathbf{0}$
- $(2) \quad \mathbf{A} \succeq \mathbf{B} \Rightarrow \mathsf{Tr}(\mathbf{L}) \geq \mathsf{Tr}(\mathbf{B})$
- (3) $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{BC})^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B} (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}^{-1}$

Proof:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{L}) &= \mathsf{E}\left\{\left(\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{L}) - \mathbf{x}\right)\left(\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{L}) - \mathbf{x}\right)^{\mathsf{T}}\right\} = \mathsf{E}\left\{\left(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\right)\left(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\right)^{\mathsf{T}}\right\} \\ &= \mathsf{E}\left\{\left(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{I}\right)\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^{\mathsf{T}}\left(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{I}\right)^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{L}\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{L}^{\mathsf{T}}\right\} = \left(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{I}\right)\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}\left(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{I}\right)^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{L}\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{L}^{\mathsf{T}} \\ &= \mathbf{L}\left(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{v}}\right)\mathbf{L}^{\mathsf{T}} - \mathbf{L}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{L}^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}} \\ &= \left(\mathbf{L} - \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}}\left(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{v}}\right)^{-1}\right)\!\!\left(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{v}}\right)\!\!\left(\mathbf{L} - \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}}\left(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{v}}\right)^{-1}\right)^{\mathsf{T}} \\ &+ \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}}\left(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{v}}\right)^{-1}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}} \\ &\succeq \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}}\left(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{v}}\right)^{-1}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}} \end{split} \tag{3}$$

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- this is called static sensor fusion

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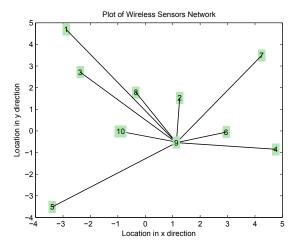


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• now we move to a case of many sensors in a star topology

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$$\mathbf{P}^{-1} = -(K-1)\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbf{P}_{k}^{-1},$$
 (7)

 $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}$ is the covariance matrix of $\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_K)$.

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Moreover, from Proposition 1

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 (12)

$$= \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbf{H}_{k}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{v}_{k}}^{-1} \mathbf{H}_{k}$$

$$(13)$$

$$= \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{K} \left(\mathbf{P}_{k}^{-1} - \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1} \right) = -(K-1)\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbf{P}_{k}^{-1} , \qquad (14)$$

Static Sensor Fusion from Multiple Sensors

- by Proposition 2, complexity of the fusion center goes down considerably
- some computational load is delegated to the distributed sensors
- each estimate is weighted by the inverse of the error covariance matrix

• the **higher the confidence** we have in a particular sensor, the **higher the trust** we place in it.

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- **multiple sensors** that generate measurements about the random variable that is evolving in time
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- at every time step n, all the sensors **transmit** their measurements $\mathbf{y}_{n,k}$ to a **central node**
- the central node implements a fusion mechanism
- however, there are two reasons why this may not be the preferred implementation
 - (1) number of sensors increases \Rightarrow computational effort required at the central node increases (bear some of the computational burden at sensors)
- (2) the sensors may not be able to transmit at every time step (transmit local processed information rather that raw measurements)

- assume that the sensors can transmit at every time step
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• the requirements from individual sensors are derived by the equations above

Proposition 4: Consider a random variable \mathbf{x}_n evolving in time as $\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{n-1} + \mathbf{w}_{n-1}$ being observed by K sensors in every time step n. Suppose they generate measurements of the form $\mathbf{y}_{n,k} = \mathbf{C}_k \mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{v}_{n,k}$. Then the global error covariance matrix and the estimate are given in terms of the local covariances and estimates by

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(30)

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recap:

$$\mathbf{P}_{n|n}^{-1} = \mathbf{P}_{n|n-1}^{-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{K} \left(\mathbf{P}_{n,k|n}^{-1} - \mathbf{P}_{n,k|n-1}^{-1} \right)$$

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Based on the result above o **two architectures** for dynamic sensor fusion

- method 1: more computation at the fusion center, less communication overhead
- method 2: less computation at the fusion center, more communication overhead

Dynamic Sensor Fusion Distributed Kalman Filtering (method 1)

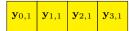
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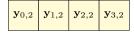
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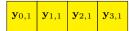
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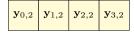
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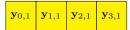
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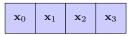
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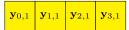
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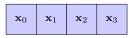
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sensor 1 / sensor 2

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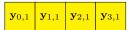
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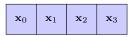
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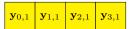
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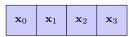
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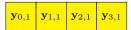
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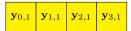
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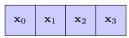
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sensor 1 measurements

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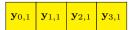
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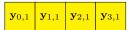
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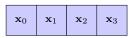
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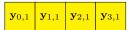
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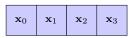
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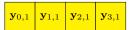
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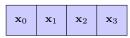
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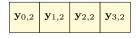
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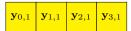
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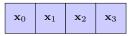
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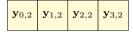
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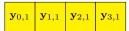
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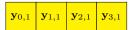
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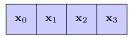
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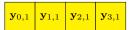
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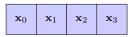
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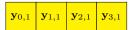
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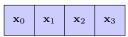
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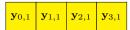
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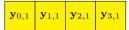
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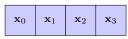
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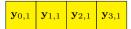
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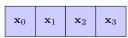
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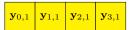
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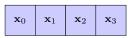
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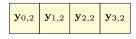
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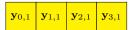
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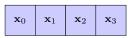
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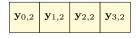
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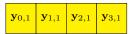
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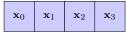
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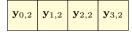
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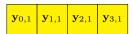


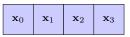
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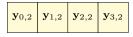
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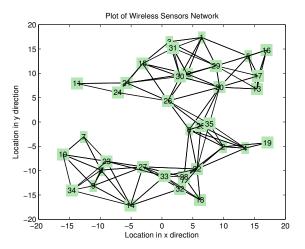


Figure: Network with a Arbitrary Topology: Solid lines indicating that there is message communication between nodes. In this network, there is no node acting as fusion center.

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- star topology: essentially a **two step procedure**
 - all the nodes transmit local estimates to a central node (called fusion center)
 - central node calculates and transmits the weighted sum of the local estimates back
- final outcome is a weighted average
- ⇒ generalize the approach to an **arbitrary graph**
- this approaches are along the lines of average consensus algorithms
- no fusion center

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