

T8. Game-Theoretic Techniques for the Energy Efficiency of Wireless Communications and Sensor Networks

Abstract:

The issue of energy efficiency, spectral efficiency, and resource optimization has attracted a huge interest by the information and telecommunication technology (ICT) community in the last decade, as witnessed by the vast literature available in this topic. In the field of wireless communications, efficiency can be achieved by operating at all different layers of the network, spanning from system architectures and protocols, to transmission techniques, and to opportunistic spectrum sharing, just to mention a few notable examples. Similarly, sensor networks with tight energy-efficiency constraints on the sensing nodes need careful exploitation of the available energy resources to send out the sensed values. Design and optimization methods of such networks are benefiting from the adoption of sophisticated optimization techniques at large.

Game theory, traditionally studied and applied in the areas of economics, political science, biology and sociology, has recently emerged as an effective framework for the design of a wireless network, since it provides analytical tools to predict the outcome of interactions among rational entities with conflicting interests, like communication nodes. Interaction of the users in a wireless network for communications or sensing can be modeled as a game in which the user terminals are the players in the game competing for network resources (i.e., bandwidth and/or energy), which are typically scarce. Any action taken by a user affects the performance of other users as well, and game theory turns out to be a natural tool for investigating this interplay. This tutorial provides an overview of the relevant applications of game theory in wireless networks, focusing on state-of-the-art techniques for resource allocation. The very basics concepts of game theory are introduced by means of many simple examples, and special emphasis is put on how to translate a real-world problem into an analytical game model.

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