

Binomial probability distribution with QoS support for health monitoring in wireless body area network communication.

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Abstract

Wireless Body Area network (WBAN) is a new technology used for patient health care monitoring in many application like military, entertainment etc. Quality of service (QoS) is an essential demand in WBAN as neighboring nodes at different state information has to be monitored in exact manner. But, network lifetime gets reduced due to large amount of energy consumption while transmitting the healthcare data packets from source to the sink node. In order to increase the network lifetime and reduce the energy consumption while transmitting the healthcare data packets, Binomial Probability Distribution with QoS Support (BPD-QoS) Technique is designed in WBAN. Initially, the energy consumed by the node is calculated and higher energy nodes are grouped after calculating the energy consumption of each node. The energy consumption gets reduced by transmitting the healthcare data packets through cluster head. Then, the cluster head in the cluster is selected by using binomial probability density function. Finally, after cluster head selection, the healthcare data packets are sent to the sink node from source node with minimum energy consumption and therefore improve the network lifetime. The simulation result shows that Binomial Probability Distribution with QoS Support (BPD-QoS) Technique reduces energy consumption with higher throughput level and increases the network lifetime compared to state-of-the-works.

Keywords: Wireless body area network (WBAN), Quality of service (QoS), Binomial probability distribution, Cluster head, Healthcare data packets, Energy consumption.

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Introduction

A Gateway Selection Algorithm (GSA) is designed in [1] with energy harvesting technology. The algorithm chooses suitable WBASN node that serves as gateway to additional wireless networks. GSA equalizes the load between the nodes by changing the gateway node in WBASN. Though energy gets balanced between the nodes, the network lifetime is not increased. A new routing protocol for heterogeneous Wireless Body Area Sensor Networks (WBASNs) called Mobility-supporting Adaptive Threshold-based Thermal-aware Energy-efficient Multi-hop ProTocol (M-ATTEMPT) is designed in [2]. A protocol is described using heterogeneous sensors in human body. However, the energy consumption remained unaddressed. A smart phone based health monitoring system introduced in [3] determines and examines the physiological data of patient to explain the status of health condition and fitness. A routing protocol presented in [4] addresses the QoS needs of Body Area Network (BAN) data packets. However, the throughput is a challenging problem. A joint Power-QoS control scheme called as PEH-QoS scheme in [5] ensures that sensor node is able to detect the medical events and broadcast

the specific data packets effectively. A power efficient methodology was introduced in [6] for transmission of patient data to medical authorities by RelAODV (Reliable AODV) protocol.

The routing protocol was introduced in [7] with setup of multiple nodes and an access point. The setup assesses the network architectures with on-body and off-body access point with many antennas. However, the energy consumption remained unaddressed. In [8], Bayes node energy polynomial distribution model was planned with minimum communication overhead. Integer Linear Programming in [9] solved high throughput issues and reduced the energy consumption while calculating the physiological parameters. However, the network lifetime is not increased. An energy efficiency model is designed in [10] manages the optimization of resource allocation using Global Energy Minimization (GEM) model. The contribution of the paper is organized as follows: Binomial Probability Distribution with QoS Support (BPD-QoS) Technique is designed for health monitoring in WBAN communication with minimum energy consumption and prolong network lifetime. Initially, the energy consumed by the

particular node is calculated and higher energy nodes are grouped after calculating the energy consumption of each node. The energy consumption gets reduced by transmitting the healthcare data packets through cluster head. Therefore, the cluster head in the cluster is selected by using binomial probability density function. After cluster head selection, the healthcare data packets are sent to the sink node from source node with minimum energy consumption and therefore increases the network lifetime. The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 includes the related work. Detailed description of Binomial Probability Distribution with QoS Support (BPD-QoSS) Technique is provided in Section 3. Section 4 presents the experimental setup for conducting the analysis. In Section 4, simulation environment is provided with detailed analysis of results explained in Section 5. In Section 6, the concluding remarks are included.

Related Works

In [11], an energy consumption model with transmission distance and transmission data rate over wireless communication link was designed. The model guarantees the energy saving and also improves the proportion of transmission energy. In [12], delay and energy consumption analysis was carried out with many priorities allocated to body nodes. Finite state markov model recognize the node state and guarantees the average delay during normal and emergency data. However, energy consumption is not minimized. Taxonomy of QoS for WBAN was introduced in [13]. In [14], a survey of wireless body area networks is performed with latest standards. A Virtualization Enabled routing [15] was designed with aim of reducing the traffic congestion and packet delay. An analysis of QoS aware health monitoring system was presented in [16]. A multiple level-based QoS design was designed in [17,18] at WBAN media access control layer regarding the user level, data level and time level. However, throughput is remained unaddressed. Remote Health Monitoring [19] over long distance communication network in continuous monitoring to improve transmission rate of physiological critical signals that improves the bandwidth utilization. However, the Quality of Service (QoS) needs for different healthcare applications is complicated problem. An energy efficient resource allocation model using Transmission Rate Allocation Policy was designed in [20].

Binomial Probability Distribution with QoS Support for Health Monitoring

Network model

In this section, a network model for designing with binomial probability distribution is presented. Let us consider WBAN deployed for monitoring the patient. In WBAN, 'G=(V,E)' with vertices 'V' of 'n' sensor nodes are denoted as 'V=SN₁,SN₂,...,SN_n'. The set 'E' of edges are represented as 'E=e₁,e₂,...,e_m' in sensing rectangular area 'M*N' at communication range 'r'. 'N_n' is the set of node neighbors and sink node 'S'.

Binomial probability distribution with QoS support (BPD-QoSS)

Wireless Body Area Network (WBAN) is a collection of wireless sensor nodes which are positioned in human body to examine the surrounding environment and functions of body. In WBAN, Base Station has adequate amount of energy and it is placed distant from sink. But, the sensor nodes are not same and contain only less amount of energy. Initially, all nodes are allocated with same amount of energy level. During the healthcare data packet transmission, energy level of nodes gets changed. The energy dissipation for healthcare data communication process like transmission and reception are evaluated in Eq. (1) and (2) respectively. The energy consumed by the node for transmitting the l-bit packet from source to sink at the distance is calculated by,

$$E_t(l,d)=(E_u+E_a * d^i)*l \rightarrow (1)$$

The energy consumed by node while receiving the p-bit packet is formulated as,

$$E_r(l)=E_u * l \rightarrow (2)$$

From Eq. (1) and Eq. (2), 'E_u' represents the energy utilization because of the digital coding, inflection, filtering, and diffusion of signal, etc. Energy consumed by spreader power amplifier is denoted as 'E_a'. Packet size is symbolized as 'l'.



Figure 1. Distance between two nodes.

The energy consumed for transmitting the healthcare data packets from node i to j is same one when transmitting from j to i for any SNR value as described in Figure 1. A routing path is prearranged series of nodes in network which sends the healthcare data packets to the sink node. As soon as collecting the healthcare data packets from its neighbor node, each node sends the healthcare data packet to next node. The key objective is to minimize the energy dissipation in sensor nodes through generation of optimal data collecting chain. By taking N number of nodes in network, the total energy consumed by every sensor nodes is expressed in Eq. (3).

$$E = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} (E_u + E_a * d^i) + E_u \right] * l \rightarrow (3)$$

From Eq. (3), 'd' represents the distance between the ith node and (i+1)th node in the network. 'E' denotes the total amount of energy utilized for transmission and reception of packets from source node to the sink node.

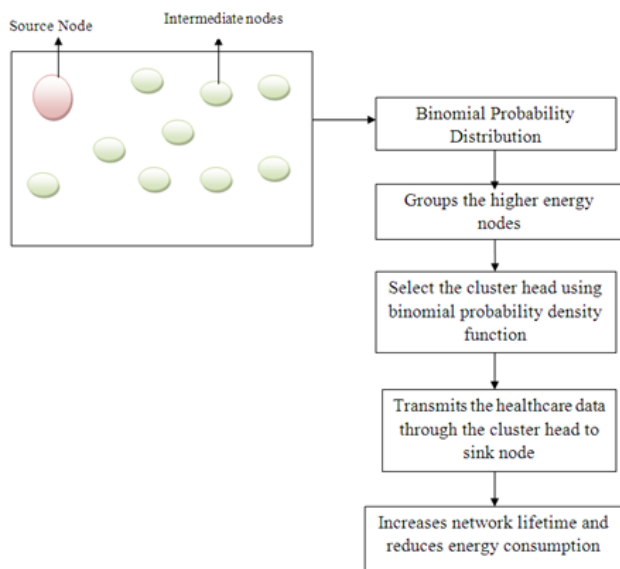


Figure 2. Binomial probability distribution with QoS Support (BPD-QoS) technique.

A threshold value is used on communication between the nodes denoted as ‘dth’. When the distance between transmitter and receiver is less than ‘dth’, then free space channel model is employed otherwise multi path fading channel model is used. The energy efficient wireless body area network communication process using binomial probability distribution is shown in Figure 2. Figure 2 explains the flow processing diagram of Binomial Probability Distribution with QoS Support (BPD-QoS) Technique. From figure, the energy consumption is minimized and network lifetime is increased by Binomial Probability Distribution. The energy efficient routing is carried out while transmitting the packets to the sink node from the source node with better throughput.

The first step in design of BDP-QOSS technique is used to group the high energy node using Binomial Probability Distribution. Clustering technique is used to reduce the energy consumption by distributing load between sensor nodes of network. The technique also increases the network lifetime. In clustering, higher energy nodes in the network are grouped. The probability of all nodes to become cluster head is not same at initial stage. CHs are selected because of varying probability. The cluster head is selected using binomial probability density function of X expressed as,

$$P(X) = C_x^n p^x q^{n-x} \rightarrow (4)$$

From Eq. (4), P(X) is probability of successes in n binomial trials, ‘n’ represents number of trials for selecting cluster head. ‘p’ denotes the probability of success in cluster head selection at first trial. ‘q’ represents the probability of failure in cluster head selection at first trial. After selecting the cluster head, the collected healthcare data are sent to the CH where the data gets aggregated and processed. After the processing step, the necessary healthcare data packets are sent to the sink node. This type of data transmission reduces the energy consumption and therefore increases the network lifetime. The algorithmic

description of Binomial Probability Distribution with QoS Support (BPD-QoS) Technique is given below.

Input : Number of sensor nodes SN₁, SN₂, ..., SN_n

Output : Minimum energy consumption and Prolong network lifetime

Step 1: Begin

Step 2: For distributed Sensor node SN₁, SN₂, ..., SN_n

Step 3: Evaluate the energy consumed at transmitter and receiver end using (1) and (2)

Step 4: Evaluate the total energy consumed by particular node using (3)

Step 5: Group the higher energy nodes after calculating the energy consumption rate of particular node

Step 6: Select the cluster head by binomial probability density function using (4)

Step 7: Route the healthcare data packets to the sink node through cluster head

Step 8: End for

Step 9: End

The above algorithmic description explains efficient routing performed by cluster head while sending the healthcare information data packets to the sink node. Binomial probability density function is used to select the cluster head in the cluster. After that, the healthcare data packets are sent to the sink node. Binomial Probability Distribution with QoS Support (BPD-QoS) Technique helps in reducing the energy consumption with higher throughput and increases the network lifetime while routing the healthcare data packets to the sink node.

Experimental Settings

Binomial Probability Distribution with QoS Support (BPD-QoS) Technique is implemented in NS-2 simulator with network range of 1000 m*1000 m size. The wireless body sensors monitor the patient’s activities. The simulation time taken for single process is 25 milliseconds. In Random Way Point (RWP) model, each sensor node moves independently in any direction in network range. RWP uses number of sensor nodes for forming the network model. Dynamic Source Routing (DSR) routing protocol is used in WBANs with predefined information. The position with randomly selected speed comprises predefined quantity and speed count. The simulation results are obtained from many configurations with multiple runs. Table 1 demonstrates the simulation parameters used for conducting the experimental work.

Table 1. Simulation parameters.

Parameter	Value
Simulator	NS-2.31
Network Coverage area	1000 m * 1000 m

Mobility framework	Random Way point model
Node movement (i.e, speed)	25 m/s
Number of nodes	50,100,150,200,250,300,350,400,450,500
Packet size	10,20,30,40,50,60,70,80,90,100
Connected Path link	Multi direction
Packet rate	8 packets/seconds
Routing protocol	Dynamic source routing protocol (DSR)

Simulation Result and Analysis

Binomial Probability Distribution with QoS Support (BPD-QoSS) Technique is compared against with existing Gateway Selection Algorithm (GSA) and Mobility-supporting Adaptive Threshold-based Thermal-aware Energy-efficient Multi-hop ProTocol (M-ATTEMPT). The BPD-QoSS model conducts experimental works on following factors:

1. Energy consumption rate,
2. Network Lifetime and
3. Throughput

Impact of energy consumption

Energy consumption for routing the healthcare data packet from source to sink node is measured. The energy consumption is formulated as given below.

$$EC = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} (E_u + E_a * d^i) + E_u \right] * l \rightarrow (5)$$

From Eq. (5), the energy consumption ‘EC’ denotes total amount of energy utilized for transmission and reception of healthcare data packets from source node to the sink node. d^i represents the distance between the i^{th} node and $(i+1)^{th}$ node in network. ‘ E_u ’ represents the energy utilization because of the digital coding, inflection, filtering, and diffusion of signal, etc. Energy consumed by power amplifier is represented as ‘ E_a ’. Packet size is denoted as ‘ l ’. The consumption of energy is measured in terms of Joules (Table 2).

Table 2. Tabulation for energy consumption.

Number of Nodes (Number)	Energy Consumption (Joules)		
	BPD-QoSSS Technique	GSA	M-ATTEMPT
50	151	211	275
100	165	224	284
150	179	236	293
200	193	241	307
250	205	253	315
300	216	261	327
350	227	276	339

400	239	284	351
450	252	298	368
500	263	312	384

The above table illustrates the energy consumption measurement based on the number of nodes varies from 50 to 500. RWM moves the nodes in all direction without any centralized control. From the table, it is clear that the proposed BPD-QoSS Technique provides the better performance than the existing GSA [1] and M-ATTEMPT [2].

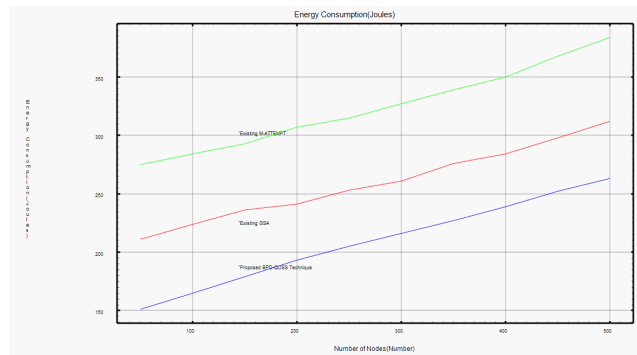


Figure 3. Measure of energy consumption.

Figure 3 describes the energy consumption for sending the healthcare data packets in WBAN to the sink node. The path link gets connected in multi-direction manner. As described in figure, the energy consumption is directly proportional to the number of nodes. When number of nodes gets increased, energy consumption also gets increased. The BPD-QoSS Technique consumes less energy compared to GSA [1] and M-ATTEMPT [2]. Binomial probability density function is used for reducing the energy consumption. Moreover, the energy consumed in BPD-QoSS Technique for sending the packet from source node to sink is 25% and 57% lesser when compared to GSA [1] and M-ATTEMPT [2] respectively.

Impact of network lifetime

The lifetime of network is identified by number of sensor nodes in wireless body area network. It is measured in terms of percentage (%).

The network lifetime is expressed as given below.

$$NL = \left(\frac{SN_{addressed}}{SN_{total}} \right) * 100 \rightarrow (6)$$

From Eq. (6), the network lifetime ‘NL’ is ratio of the sensor node addressed ‘ $SN_{addressed}$ ’ in WBAN to the total number of sensor nodes ‘ SN_{total} ’ in the network. Higher the network lifetime, more efficient the method is said to be (Table 3).

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50	78	65	61
100	79	67	63
150	82	69	66
200	85	70	68
250	87	72	69
300	89	75	71
350	91	78	74
400	94	81	77
450	96	83	79
500	97	85	82

The above table illustrates the network lifetime measurement based on the number of nodes varies from 50 to 500. From the table, it is clear that the proposed BPD-QoSS Technique provides the better performance than the existing GSA [1] and M-ATTEMPT [2].

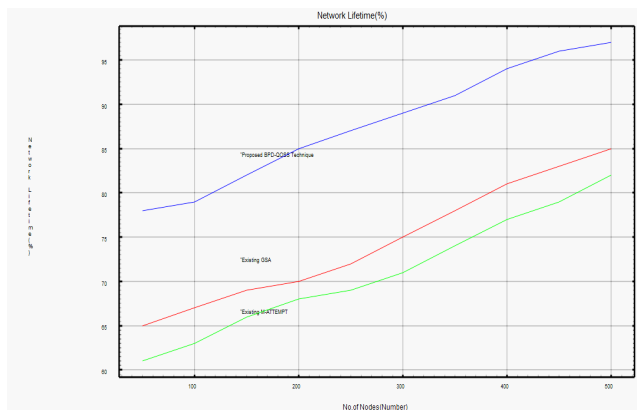


Figure 4. Measure of network lifetime.

Figure 4 describes the network lifetime for sending the healthcare data packets to the sink node in WBAN. From figure, when number of sensor nodes increases, the network lifetime gets increased correspondingly. The BPD-QoSS Technique consumes less energy and therefore increases the network lifetime compared to GSA [1] and M-ATTEMPT [2]. In the proposed BPD-QoSS Technique, the sensor nodes are grouped and the energy consumption of particular nodes is calculated. The energy consumption in BPD-QoSS Technique is less that resulted in improving the network lifetime. In addition, the network lifetime in BPD-QoSS Technique is 15% and 19% higher when compared to GSA [1] and M-TTEMPT [2] respectively.

Impact of throughput

Throughput is defined as the rate of successful data packets delivery over period of time interval in WBAN. Throughput rate is the ratio of data packets sent by the source node to sink node with respect to time. It is measured in terms of bits/sec and is formulated as given below.

$$T = \frac{\text{Data packets sent by the source node to sink node}}{\text{Time}} * 100 \rightarrow (7)$$

From (7), the rate of throughput ‘*T*’ is measured using the data packets sent and time. Higher the data packets being received, more efficient the method is said to be (Table 4).

Table 4. Tabulation for throughput.

Packet size (KB)	Throughput (bps)		
	BPD-QoSS Technique	GSA	M-ATTEMPT
10	8	6	5
20	18	15	12
30	26	23	20
40	38	31	28
50	46	43	36
60	57	52	48
70	66	61	57
80	75	72	70
90	86	81	79
100	94	90	86

The above table illustrates the throughput measurement based on the packet size varies from 10 to 100. From the table, it is clear that the proposed BPD-QoSS Technique provides the better performance than the existing GSA [1] and M-ATTEMPT [2].

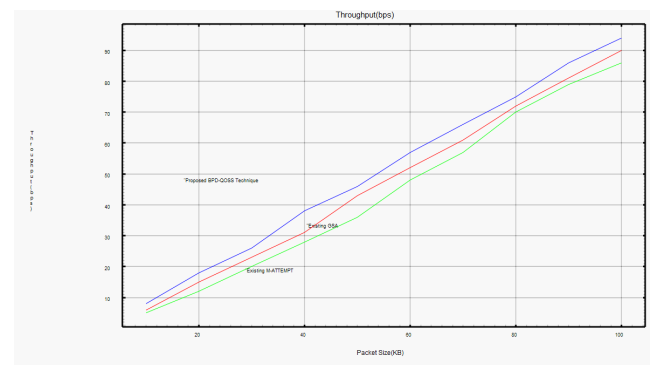


Figure 5. Measure of throughput.

Figure 5 describes the throughput for sending the healthcare data packets to the sink node in WBAN. The efficient model transmits normally eight packets per second. From figure, when number of packets increases, the throughput gets increased correspondingly. The BPD-QoSS Technique has higher throughput when compared to GSA [1] and M-ATTEMPT [2]. In proposed BPD-QoSS Technique after calculating the energy consumption of each node, binomial probability density function is used to select the cluster head through which the healthcare data packets are sent to the sink

node. Throughput in BPD-QoS Technique is higher because of selection of cluster head and sending the healthcare data packets through cluster head. In addition, the throughput in BPD-QoS Technique is 10% and 19% higher when compared to GSA [1] and M-TTEMPT [2] respectively.

Conclusion

Binomial Probability Distribution with QoS Support (BPD-QoS) Technique is designed to reduce the energy consumption and to extend the network lifetime of sensor nodes. The main goal of BPD-QoS technique is to prolong the lifetime of network by choosing the reliable cluster head for routing the healthcare packets from source to sink. Cluster head is chosen by binomial probability density function based on the energy consumption of sensor node. Using NS-2 simulator, the BPD-QoS Technique is compared with the existing works like GSA [1] and M-TTEMPT [2] and the results illustrated that the BPD-QoS Technique increases the throughput and network lifetime in WBAN. The simulation results show that BPD-QoS Technique offers better performance with an improvement of energy consumption by 41% and increased the network lifetime by 17% compared to GSA [1] and M-TTEMPT [2] respectively.

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