MPF-LEACH: modified probability function for cluster head election in LEACH protocol

ABSTRACT

In this research, we enhance the LEACH protocol by updating Cluster Head (CH) election probability function (thresholds). More probability was given to an out-of-service CH to be elected again. The idea is to get benefit from CH residual energy in order to extend the network lifetime. A new threshold was introduced which guarantees a non-zero probability value of a CH. We proposed a newly developed research technique to enhance the original LEACH protocol. The enhancement focuses on extending a WSN's lifetime, and increasing its throughput. It is achieved by giving more probability to re-elect the expired CH that has been removed from CHs list because of its insufficient residual energy. Several experiments were conducted to evaluate the efficiency of our proposed MPF-LEACH approach. From the experimental results, a remarkable enhancement in the network lifetime and throughput is achieved. We have improved the election probability threshold for the original LEACH protocol by benefiting from the CH residual energy. As a result, the whole network lifetime was increased due to the extra chance that is given to a CH to be elected again.

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