Fuzzy-based Sensor Search in the Web of Things by **Cuong Truong University of Lübeck, Germany** truong@iti.uni-luebeck.de

The Vision of the Internet of Things



real world objects will be uniquely identifiable and connected to the Internet

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mashing up sensors and actuators with services and data available on the Web

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→ complex for end user!

Sensor Similarity Search: An Illustration

Pick a climate sensor in Key West, and search for similar sensors





Fishery owner

Sensor Similarity Search: Architecture



Questions to be addressed

- I. How to define and compute similarity between two sensors?
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- III. How to minimize the cost of storing such fuzzy sets?
- IV. How to efficiently compute a similarity score between a pair of sensors?
- v. How to objectively evaluate the approach?

I. Similarity Definition



I. Similar Reading Curves: Captured by Fuzzy Set



Degree of membership of elements of fuzzy set

$$\succ$$
 F_K(38) = 0.9

 \succ F_L(38) = 0.6

Key idea: Same value, different degree of memberships in different fuzzy sets

I. Similar Reading Curves: Captured by Fuzzy Set



□ The reading **38** is likely read by sensor in kitchen:

>
$$F_K(38) = 0.9 > 0.6 = F_L(38)$$

Given a sensor S with set of readings X = {x}, S is likely located in kitchen if:

$$\sum_{x \in X} F_K(x) > \sum_{x \in X} F_L(x)$$

I. Similar Reading Ranges



captured by the reading range difference

I. Similarity Computation

- Given a sensor V, and a sensor S whose set of readings is X = {x}
- Combining the two above mentioned similarity conditions:
 - Similar reading curves (defined by fuzzy set)
 - Similar reading ranges (defined by reading range difference)

 $SimilarityScore_{S}(V) = \frac{1}{\delta(S,V)} \frac{1}{|X|} \sum_{x \in X} F_{V}(x)$

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II. Fuzzy Set Construction

Temperature sensor S has been monitoring a room for 24 hours from 00:00 -> 23:59



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III. Efficient Fuzzy Set Storage: Approximation



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III. Efficient Similarity Score Computation



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V. Evaluation: Approach

- □ For a search, a list of sensors is returned
 - Ranked by decreasing similarity score
 - Similar sensors are ranked on top
- □ Issue: "Similarity" is highly subjective! → no ground truth
- Fact: Sensors close to each other have similar readings
- Approach: Group sensors based on location and annotated group with its location

V. Evaluation: Approach



V. Ranked List: Degree of Accuracy



V. Evaluation: Multiple Real Data Sets

- For each data set, group sensors based on location, and define a search trial as
 - Picking a sensor and perform search
 - Compute DOA value of the obtained ranked list
- For each sensor
 - Last 24 hours of readings are used
- Evaluation is done on a PC
 - Java VM
 - Intel Core i5 CPU at 2.4 Ghz clock rate

IntelLab Data Set

- <u>http://db.csail.mit.edu/labd</u> <u>ata/labdata.html</u>
- □ 12 sensors in 3 groups
- □ 1500 data points/24 hours
- □ Performance: 222 µs / pair
 → 4505 sensors / second
 (brute force)





NOAA Data Set





MavPad Data Set

- http://ailab.wsu.edu/m avhome/index.html
- 8 sensors in 2 groups
- 500 data points / 24 hours
- □ Performance: 70 µs / pair → 14285 sensors / second (brute force)





Summary

- Sensor similarity search and distributed architecture to realize it
- Fuzzy-based approach to efficiently compute similarity score
- Evaluation metric for ranked list
- Accurate results of evaluation
- Outlook: Scalability
 - Paralellize search
 - More efficient similarity computation
 - Index and lookup of fuzzy sets at server side
 - Incremental search accuracy

