Digital Walkie-Talkie Identification scheme based on Sparse Representation with Multiple features

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Motivation

- For the efficient support in the electronic warfare, the ability of exact detection and analysis on the enemy's transmitter is necessary.
- In the Internet of Things (IoT) network, the technique for identifying the access of the counterfeit transmitter is needed.



 Identification of the radio transmitters using the transmitted signals is called <u>*RF (Radio frequency) fingerprinting*</u>.

Proposed system



- A <u>feature</u> is a sample vector cultivated from the transmitted RF signals and bears unique information about the pertinent device.
- Goal
 - We want to check if the performance will be increased or not once <u>multiple features</u> – rising transient feature, falling transient feature, and sync feature – are used <u>simultaneously</u>.

- The feature is occurred by
 - Element characteristic
 - A part design such as filter, amplifier etc.
 - PCB material, soldering etc.
- The feature types



Transient signals [1]



Steady-state signals [2]

Related works

- Merchant et al [3]
 - Convolutional neural network
- Peng et al [4]
 - Differential constellation trace, carrier frequency offset, and 2 features of the error on I/Q domain
- Patel et al [5]
 - Random forest and AdaBoost



II. Contribution

- The <u>combination</u> of <u>rising transient feature</u>, <u>falling</u> <u>transient feature</u>, and <u>sync feature</u> has not been used in the previous studies.
 - Falling transient feature has not been used.
 - We show that the performance of the proposed scheme is improved when more feature is included.
 - There are no experiments on RF fingerprinting with multiple features based on sparse representation-based classification algorithm (SRC).

III. Research Process – Signal acquisition

• The digital walkie-talkie models



III. Research Process – Signal acquisition

- Digital Mobile Radio standard [6]
 - 2-slot Time-division multiple access (TDMA) method
 - 4 level frequency shift-keying modulation



III. Research Process – Signal acquisition

- Procedure for signal acquisition
 - In LOS environment, the receiver gets the transmitted signal.



III. Research Process – Feature extraction

• Threshold method to extract interest signals



III. Research Process – Feature extraction

- Main lobe extraction
 - Since main lobe occupies most of the energy of each signal part, the main lobe is used as a feature.



III. Research Process – Feature concatenation

- The extracted features rising transient feature, falling transient feature, and sync feature – are <u>concatenated</u>.
- In the system,

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{As},$$

the concatenated features for training data are arranged to the columns of A and the feature for test data is put into u.



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III. Research Process – SRC

- Sparse representation-based classification scheme
 - In the underdetermined system y = Ds, s has infinite cases of solutions and SRC finds a sparse solution s.
 - The condition to find the sparse solution s is sensitive to the mutual correlation between columns of D.



III. Research Process – SRC & Test

- Sparse representation-based classification scheme
 - Principal component analysis (PCA) removes correlations among columns of A.
 - $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{As}$ is changed to $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Ds}$ by PCA.
 - The sparse solution \mathbf{s} is obtained by basis pursuit algorithm

 $\min_{\mathbf{s}} ||\mathbf{s}||_1$ subject to $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Ds}$.

- The class of test data is output from SRC
- Test
 - We used 5 cross validation technique.
 - Fifty data were captured per a digital walkie-talkie.

IV. Results

- When <u>additional feature</u> is included, <u>the performance of SRC</u> <u>is improved</u>.
- The accuracy recorded <u>98.75%</u>.
- Falling transient signal could have unique information for RF fingerprinting.



Accuracy rate of the proposed method

	4 BD-358	4 SL1M	4 BD-358 4 SL1M		
	Accuracy rate (Minimum number of PC)				
TR(R)	88% (24)	82% (48)	90.5% (45)		
TR(F)	87.5% (45)	90% (12)	92.25% (13)		
TR(R + F)	93% (49)	92% (20)	95.5% (63)		
Sync	99% (45)	83.5% (22)	93.75% (86)		
TR(R + F) + Sync	<u>99% (44)</u>	<u>98.5% (22)</u>	<u>98.75% (21)</u>		

R: Rising, F: Falling, PC: Principal components

IV. Results

• <u>The cluster on each class is distinctly formed</u> when the concatenated feature is used.



SL1M transient (rising+falling) features





SL1M transient (rising+falling) + sync features



IV. Results

- It is noticeable that <u>the highest accuracy rate</u> is recorded even though <u>the less number of training data</u> is used relatively.
- The comparison experiment is necessary for more accurate comparison.

Method	Number of Devices	Experiment condition	Accuracy rate	Number of training data per a device
The proposed method	8 (Digital walkie-talkies)	1m LOS	98.75%	40
Patel et al. [3]	4 (Zigbee devices)	12 dB	Higher than 90%	1500
Peng et al. [4]	54 (Zigbee devices)	1-3m LOS	96%	1 (template feature)
Merchant et al. [5]	7 (Zigbee devices)	28 dB	92.29%	900

V. Conclusion

- We proposed the RF fingerprinting scheme based on SRC with multiple features.
- As a feature, the <u>main lobes</u> of rising transient signal, falling transient signal, and sync signal were used <u>simultaneously</u>.
- When many features were used as concatenation, the accuracy rate was increased.
- The accuracy rate of the proposed method recorded <u>98.75%</u>.
- As a future work, we need to study on RF fingerprinting scheme based on SRC with the various features besides the used features.
- The paper on this study is under revision.

Thank you

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- Deep learning for RF device fingerprinting [3]
 - They used the convolutional neural network (CNN) for the RF fingerprinting.
 - They collected 7,000 data from 7 devices.
 - Each full dataset of 7,000 transmissions was randomly partitioned into 80% training data, 10% validation data, and 10% testing data.
 - The overall correct identification rate is 92.29%



- Hybrid RF fingerprint extraction and device classification scheme [4]
 - They used 4 features simultaneously differential constellation trace figure, carrier frequency offset, and 2 features of the error on I/Q domain.
 - The experiment is performed on the total 54 Zigbee devices.
 - They did the experiment on the 4 environment.
 - Line of sight / Non line of sight
 - Line of sight after 18 month with same receiver and different receivers



- Improving zigbee device network authentication using ensemble decision tree classifiers [5]
 - The used RF DNA features contain information on variance, skewness, and kurtosis, within a preamble response.
 - They showed the result of 'Random Forest' and 'Multi-class AdaBoost' for RF fingerprinting.
 - The top-ranked 25 variables selected by Variable Importance (VI) metric built in Random Forest classifier on 4 zigbee devices are used.





- Principal components analysis [7]
 - PCA is a method to project the original data onto the new space on the variance.
 - Let $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{As}$, where \mathbf{A} is the training data matrix and \mathbf{u} is the test data.
 - A covariance matrix of A is eigen-decomposed as,

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{m1})(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{m1})^T = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{W}^T$$

where $\mathbf{m} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} n$ th columns of **A**, $\mathbf{1} := [1 \ 1 \ \cdots \ 1]$.

- The eigen-vectors of the covariance matrix are orthonormal.
- The eigen-value matrix Λ is proportional to the variance of A,

$$\mathbf{W}^T(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{m1})(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{m1})^T\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{\Lambda}.$$

- Let the eigen-values $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_n$ of the eigen-value matrix Λ be rearranged in order of the sizes.
- Let the eigen-vectors $w_1, w_2, ..., w_n$ of the eigen-vector matrix W be also rearranged by the eigen-values.

- Principal components analysis [7]
 - Since the eigen-vectors of the covariance matrix are orthonormal and the eigen-value matrix Λ is proportional to the variance of A, the eigenvectors can be basis for the creating the new space on the variance of A.
 - The training data matrix A and the test data u is transformed to the new space by $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{W}^T (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{m1})$ and $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{W}^T (\mathbf{u} \mathbf{m})$.
 - PCA removes correlations among columns of A.
 - Also, PCA can remove the size of the columns of A.



L_p norms [8]

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = \left(\sum_i |x_i|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

Uniqueness of sparse solution (L₁) [8]

- Suppose $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{s}_0$ with

$$||\mathbf{s}_{0}||_{0} < \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\mu(\mathbf{D})}\right)$$

where $\mu(\mathbf{D}) = \max_{1 \le k, j \le m, k \ne j} \frac{|a_{k}^{T}a_{j}|}{||a_{k}||_{2} \cdot ||a_{j}||_{2}}$
Then \mathbf{s}_{0} is the unique optimal solution to

Minimize $||\mathbf{s}||_1$ subject to $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Ds}$.

• If the function *f* has a second derivative that is non-negative (positive) over an interval, the function is convex (strictly convex) over that interval. [9]

• L_p norms level sets



- Basis pursuit algorithm [10]
 - The mathematical optimization problem of the form

 $\min_{\mathbf{s}} ||\mathbf{s}||_1$ subject to $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Ds}$.

- To solve the problem, 'Primal-Dual Barrier method' is used.

- Primal-Dual Barrier method [11]
 - A certain class of algorithms that solve linear and nonlinear convex optimization problems.
 - Consider the dual pair for Linear programming problem

 $\min c^T x \quad s.t. Ax = b, x \ge 0, \min b^T \lambda \quad s.t. A^T \lambda + s = c, s \ge 0$

- The Karush-Kuhn-Tucker conditions for both equation are

$$\begin{cases} A^T \lambda + s = c \\ Ax = b \\ x \ge 0 \\ s \ge 0 \\ x^{(i)} s^{(i)} = 0, \ 1 \le i \le n \end{cases}$$

- Let $s = (s^{(1)}, s^{(2)}, \dots, s^{(n)}), S = \text{diag}(s)$, and $e = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$. We can rewrite the constraints into

$$\tilde{F}(x,\lambda,s) = \begin{bmatrix} A^T\lambda + s - c \\ Ax - b \\ XSe \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

- Primal-Dual Barrier method [11]
 - We relax the last constraint $x^{(i)}s^{(i)} = 0$ to $x^{(i)}s^{(i)} = \mu$ and obtain

$$F(x,\lambda,s) = \begin{bmatrix} A^T\lambda + s - c \\ Ax - b \\ XSe - \mu e \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

- The Jacobian will be

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & I \\ A & 0 & 0 \\ S & 0 & X \end{bmatrix}$$

and the Newton's method read

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & I \\ A & 0 & 0 \\ S & 0 & X \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_X \\ d_\lambda \\ d_s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -A^T \lambda - s + c \\ b - Ax \\ -XSe + \mu e \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve

min
$$B(x_k, \mu_k) = c^T x - \mu \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i, \mu > 0$$

• Primal-Dual Barrier method [11]

Algorithm 2 Primal-Dual Newton Barrier Method for LP

1:
$$\mu_0 \leftarrow 1, \rho \in (0, 1)$$

2: Generate (x_0, λ_0, s_0) , s.t. $x_0 > 0, s_0 > 0$
3: for $k = 1, 2, 3, ...$ do

4:
$$\mu_k \leftarrow \rho \mu_{k-1}$$

5: Solve

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T & I \\ A & 0 & 0 \\ S_{k-1} & 0 & X_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_X \\ d_\lambda \\ d_s \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} A^T \lambda_{k-1} + s_{k-1} - c \\ A x_{k-1} - b \\ X_{k-1} S_{k-1} e - \mu_k e \end{bmatrix}$$
(21)

6: Solve

$$\min_{\alpha>0} B(x_k, \mu_k)
s.t. (x_k, \lambda_k, s_k) = (x_{k-1}, \lambda_{k-1}, s_{k-1}) + \alpha(d_X, d_\lambda, d_s)$$
(22)

7:
$$(x_k, \lambda_k, s_k) \leftarrow (x_{k-1}, \lambda_{k-1}, s_{k-1}) + \alpha(d_X, \lambda_k, s_k)$$

8: Check stop criterion.

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