

# Data Preservation in Robotic Sensor Network : Covering Salesman Approach

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# What are Wireless Sensor Networks Base Station Sensor Nodes Sense Collect

Transmit

Applications



#### The Traditional Approach (Multi-Hop)



Robot/Data Mule/Mobile Data Sink Approach (Budget Constraint Travelling Salesman Problem)



Proposed Covering Salesman Approach



- Robot has a range.
- Collect data from multiple sensor nodes.

#### **Problem Formulation**





Weighted graph G (V, E)

 $(u,v) \in E$  has weight w(u,v)

 $i \in V$  has prize  $P_i$ 

Network size : 2000m X 2000m Sensor Nodes : 200 Transmission Range: 200m

# Methodology

Greedy P

Selects node with most data packets to visit next.

Ability to collect more data packets.

Exhausts budget very quickly.



AggDataPackets A = A + B + C +D

## Methodology

Greedy R

Selects the node based on prize cost ratio.

Can visit more nodes than Algorithm 1.

Has more budget left.



# Methodology

# Markov decision process

MARL Multi Agent Reinforcement Learning

Observes the environment.

Exploits and Explores to find best action.

Gets a reward based upon the action.

Maximize the cumulative reward.



We are first to implement RL technique to BCTSP and CSP !!!

#### Results



Total Data Packets Collected

#### Results

Budget Remaining



#### Conclusion

- Covering Salesman(*Travelling Salesman but with range*) Approach collects **45% more data packets,** than the existing solution of TSP.
- The budget remaining after completing a tour is more significantly more in CSP1 and CSP2 , but a slight change in MARL.
- Both MARL algorithms outperform the Greedy Algorithms and the CSP approach MARL is the best among all.

#### Future work

- Applying Graph Neural Networks.
  - Optimize Execution Time
  - $\circ$  Get rid of the heuristics



# Thank You

Questions ?

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