Poster Abstract: Hierarchical Subchannel Allocation for Mode-3 Vehicle-to-Vehicle Sidelink Communications

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ABSTRACT

In this poster we present a graph-based hierarchical subchannel allocation scheme for V2V sidelink communications in Mode-3. Under this scheme, the eNodeB allocates subchannels for in-coverage vehicles. Then, vehicles will broadcast directly without the eNodeB intervening in the process. Therefore, in each communications cluster, it will become crucial to prevent allocation conflicts in time domain since vehicles will not be able to transmit and receive simultaneously. We present a solution where the time-domain requirement can be enforced through vertex aggregation. Additionally, allocation of subchannels is performed sequentially from the most to the least allocation-constrained cluster. We show through simulations that the proposed approach attains near-optimality.

KEYWORDS
resource allocation; mode-3 V2V; sidelink

1 MOTIVATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS

In V2V Mode-3, eNodeBs assign subchannels to vehicles in order for them to periodically broadcast CAM messages [1]. A crucial aspect is to ensure that vehicles in the same cluster will broadcast in orthogonal time subchannels\(^1\) to avoid conflicts. In general, resource/subchannel allocation problems can be represented as weighted bipartite graphs. However, in this scenario there is an additional time orthogonality constraint which cannot be straightforwardly handled by conventional graph matching methods [2]. Thus, in our approach the mentioned constraint has been taken into account. We also perform the allocation task in a sequential manner based on the constrainedness of each cluster. To illustrate the gist of the problem, in Fig. 1 we show two partially overlapping clusters where a conflict between vehicles \(v_k\) and \(v_0\) is generated as the allotted subchannels are in the same subframe.

2 PROPOSED APPROACH

The objective is to find an assignment of subchannels to vehicles such that the system capacity is maximized while respecting the constraints that prevent conflicts. This allocation problem is formulated as

\[
\text{max } c^T x
\]

subject to

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
I_{N \times N} \otimes I_{1 \times L} \\
U_{J \times N} \otimes I_{L \times L}
\end{bmatrix} \otimes 1_{1 \times K} x = 1
\]

where \(c \in \mathbb{R}^M, x \in \mathbb{B}^M\) with \(M = NLK\). The amount of clusters is \(J\) (each consisting of \(N_j\) vehicles, \(j = 1, \ldots, J\); the total number of vehicles is \(N\)); \(L\) is the number of time subframes and \(K\) represents the number of subchannels per subframe. \(U\) is the membership matrix which depicts the association of vehicles to the different clusters. Instead of approaching (1) optimally through exhaustive search, we can solve the allocation in a hierarchical and sequential manner for each cluster \(V^{(j)}\) while retaining the solutions from previous allocations. Thus, we solve several subproblems in order of constrainedness, which will lead to a suboptimal solution. Each subproblem can be modeled as a weighted bipartite graph \(G^{(j)} = (V^{(j)}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{E}^{(j)})\) as shown in Fig. 2, where vehicles and subchannels are modeled as vertices. The subchannels \(r_k\) in \(\mathcal{R}\) have been assembled into \(L\) disjoint

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\(^1\) A subchannel is a time-frequency resource chunk capable of sufficiently conveying a CAM message.
We consider a 10 MHz channel which is divided into sub-channels, each with dimensions of 1ms in time and 1.26 MHz in frequency \footnote{James Munkres. Algorithms for the assignment and transportation problem. SIAM J Appl Math, 5(1):32–38, March 1957.}. In our model, we assume a CAM message rate of 10 Hz. In Fig. 3, we compare 4 different algorithms in base of the average over 1000 simulations. We considered both overlapping and non-overlapping clusters, each with at most \( N = 100 \) vehicles. Through simulations, we show that our scheme can attain near-optimality as its performance is similar to exhaustive search. Considering the system average rate criterion, our approach has an advantage over the greedy algorithm. Also, when considering the worst-rate vehicle, our proposal excels as it is capable of providing a higher level of fairness. In all cases, the random allocation algorithm is outperformed by the other approaches. Fig. 4 shows the achievable rate for the worst-rate vehicle. We observe that when the vehicle density per cluster is low, the greedy approach attains near optimal solutions as there are more subchannels than vehicles to serve. However, as the density increases, especially near the overload state, its performance dramatically drops. Nevertheless, our approach can provide a fair allocation even in high vehicle density scenarios.

4 CONCLUSION

We have presented a novel hierarchical subchannel allocation scheme for V2V sidelink communications with intra-cluster conflict constraints. The approach is capable of attaining near-optimality at less complexity than exhaustive search.

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