

# Biometric Based User Authentication in WSN Using ABC Optimization

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## ABSTRACT

Authenticating a user is very important in an unattended environment like wireless sensor network. Wireless sensor networks are used to monitor physical or environmental conditions. authenticating a user in wireless sensor networks is more difficult than in traditional networks owing to sensor network characteristics such as unreliable communication networks, resource limitation, and unattended operation. As a result, various authentication schemes have been proposed to provide secure and efficient communication. In this proposed paper biometric based remote user authentication using ABC ALGORITHM is used for optimization.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

A wireless sensor networks consist of a set of nodes deployed in large numbers to collect and transmit environmental data to a collection point named Base Station (BS). These networks have a particular interest for military applications, environmental, home automation, medical, and many of the applications related to the monitoring of critical infrastructures. A user can access to the collected data either directly or remotely. In the first case, user with mobile device communicates directly with the sensor nodes. For security reasons, access to the sensor networks should be controlled. We take into consideration that authenticating remote users in WSNs is an important security issue due to their unattended and hostile deployments. Moreover, sensor nodes are usually equipped with limited computing power, storage, and communication modules. Thus, authenticating remote users in such resource-constrained environment is a challenge security concern. Accessing this data will, in general, not be for free since the deployment of a WSN induces some costs. This means that the deployment agencies of some of these services will make them available only to subscribers. In this case, a WSN must be able to distinguish legitimate users from illegitimate ones, resulting in the problem of access control. The customer of this company must pass an authentication protocol for each new session and take data according to his privileges described in the database system.

In this paper, we propose a user authentication scheme based on (BIOMETRIC) finger print of the user. It provides authentication of the user in WSN. WSN deployed by a commercial company over a large geographical area to

capture the physical phenomena of the environment such as temperature, humidity, etc. Accessing this data will, in general, not be for free since the deployment of a WSN induces some costs. This means that the deployment agencies of some of these services will make them available only to subscribers. In this case, a WSN must be able to distinguish legitimate users from illegitimate ones, resulting in the problem of access control.

## II. RELATED WORK

This paper extracts the features of fingerprint and the standard deviation is calculated and stored in base station. Artificial bee colony algorithm is used for optimized matching of the fingerprint.

### A. Fingerprint Enhancement

This is an usually required process in creating a security system with the help of biometrics. This process includes subsequent processing on the gathered fingerprint image. Fingerprint consists of sequence of ridges and furrows on the finger surface. This provides the individuality of the user's fingerprint. No two fingerprints can have the similar existence of ridges and furrows. Minutiae points are local ridge features that appear at either a ridge bifurcation or a ridge ending. The ridges hold the information of features mandatory for minutiae extraction. Hence the clarity of the ridge occurrences in a fingerprint image must be very important. The gathered image is then enhanced with the help of image enhancement methods in order to diminish the noise in the image. The image enhancement methods used to enhance fingerprint image are normalization,

orientation estimation, local frequency estimation, Gabor filtering, and thinning.

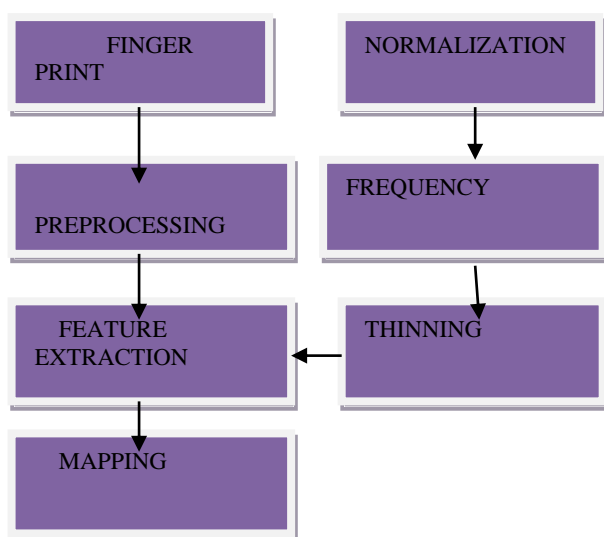


FIG:1 extracting miniature points

### B. Normalization

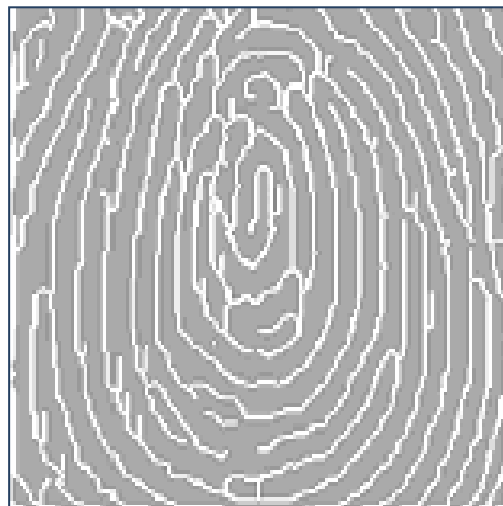
Normalization technique is nothing but the standardization of intensity values in an image by altering the range of gray-level values with the intention that it occurs within a preferred range of images. Additionally the ridge structure in the fingerprint does not undergo any alterations in its structure because of this processing. This process is performed in order to standardize the dynamic levels of dissimilarity in gray-level values that assist the processing of subsequent image improvement processes.



Figure 2 represents an image of the fingerprint before and after normalization

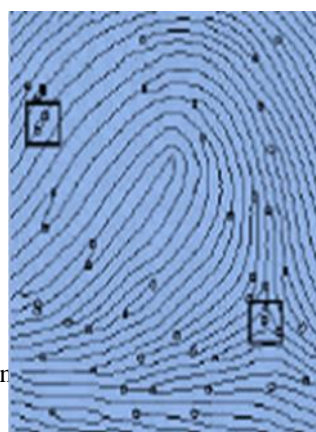
C. Thinning:

The final image improvement pace normally performed before minutiae extraction is thinning [14]. Thinning is a morphological process that consecutively takes away the foreground pixels till they are one pixel apart. By applying the thinning technique to a fingerprint image maintains the connectivity of the ridge structures during the formation of a skeleton stage of the binary image. This skeleton image is subsequently utilized in the following extraction of minutiae.



### D. Minutiae Feature Extraction

The next step is to obtain the minutiae from the thinned image. The most commonly used technique of minutiae extraction is the Crossing Number (CN) model. This process involves the utilization of the skeleton image in which the ridge flow pattern is eight-connected. The minutiae are obtained by examining the local neighborhood of every ridge pixel in the image by means of a 3x3 window. The CN value is then calculated which is defined as partially the addition of the differences among the pairs of neighboring pixels in the eight-neighborhood. Figure 6 indicates the list of minutiae in a fingerprint image. Figure 6. Minutiae extraction on a fingerprint image.



### 3.1 ABC OPTIMIZATION ALG:

The Artificial Bee Colony Algorithm is a swarm based optimization algorithm proposed for the first time by Karaboga in 2005. There are three kinds of honey bees in ABC algorithm to forage food source. They are employed bees, onlookers and scouts bees. The tasks of these bees are to collect nectar around the hive. A bee waiting on the dance area for making decision to choose a food source is called an onlooker and a bee going to the food source previously visited by it is named as an employed bee. A bee carrying out random search is called a scout bee. In ABC, food searching and nectar foraging around the hive are performed by employed, onlooker and scouts bees collectively. In the ABC algorithm, the first half of the colony consists of employed artificial bees and the second half constitutes the onlookers. For every food source, there is only one employed bee. In other words, the number of employed bees is equal the number of food sources around the hive. The employed bee whose food source is exhausted by the employed and onlooker bees becomes a scout.

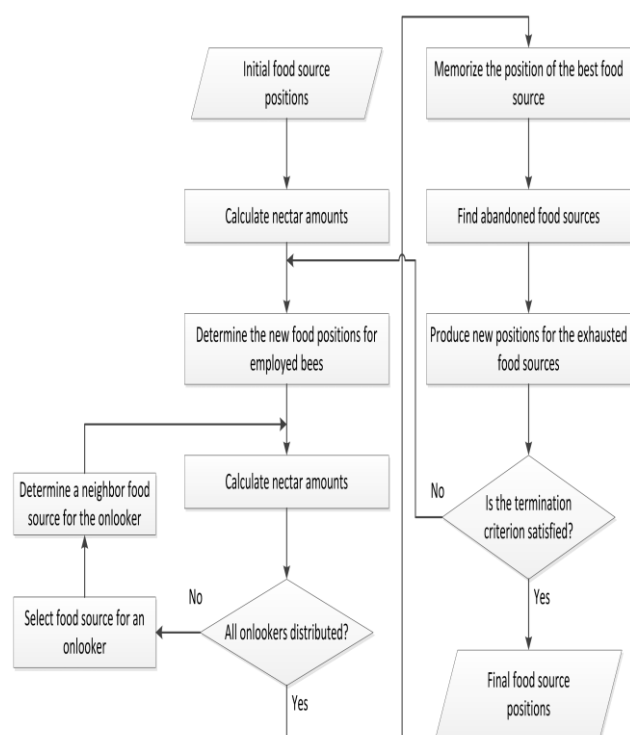


FIG5: ABC ALG

$$SD = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N \sum_{i=1}^N (m_i - \mu)^2}}$$

In order to generate the new food source position every onlooker bee memorizes the solution of n employed bee based

on the fitness values of the employed bee. The probability  $p_i$  of the onlooker bee will select the solution of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  employed bee.

$$P_i = \frac{F(i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n F(i)}$$

In the above equation (11) the fitness value of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  employed bee is given using the formula,

$$F(i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(1 + obj(i))} & \text{if } (obj(i) \geq 0) \\ 1 + abs(obj(i)) & \text{if } (obj(i) < 0) \end{cases}$$

$obj(i)$  is the objective function specific for the problem

### 3.2 USER AUTHENTICATION SCHEME:

Table1: Notations

Registrant	$X_i$
Registrant User name	$IX_i$
Registrant Password	$P_i$
Registrant Biometric	$BK_i$
Registrant Masked Password	$MP_i$
Smart card User	$SX_i$
Login User name	$SIX_i$
Login Password	$SP_i$
Login Biometric	$SBK_i$
Login Masked Password	$SMP_i$
Smart card reader	$SM_i$
Base station	$Y_i$
String Concatenation operator	$\parallel$

#### 3.2 A.Registration phase

Initially, a new registrant user register his/her identity at the remote server in the Registration phase. Registrant  $X_i$  send his/her user name  $IX_i$ , password  $P_i$  and personal biometrics  $BK_i$  on the smart card reader. Before sending this details the user concatenate the user name and password.

$$MP_i = (P_i \parallel IX_i)$$

Smart card reader  $SM_i$  receives the registrant message  $\langle MP_i, BK_i \rangle$  from the registrant user  $X_i$ . Smart card reader send the details of the user to the corresponding cluster

head CH and then CH forward to the base station  $Y_i$ . If the above request is accepted, the base station receives the masked password  $MP_i$ . Then the masked password will get encrypted  $E_i$  as specified in eqn. 1 and the encrypted message is decrypted  $D_i$  using eqn. 3. The encryption and decryption details are stored in the base station. At the same time, base station will extract the minutiae from the biometric  $BK_i$  and calculate the standard deviation  $SD$  using eqn. 6. The evaluated details are stored in the  $Y_i$ . After registering, the base station send a smart card to the registered user.

### 3.2 B.Login phase

After registration, access the real-time data from the WSNs by the user  $SX_i$  in the login phase. First user  $SX_i$  insert the smart card into the smart card reader then inputs his/her identity  $SIX_i$  and password  $SP_i$  into the reader terminal. The login user also concatenate the user name and password before sending to the base station.

$$SMP_i = (SP_i \| SIX_i)$$

If the login message  $\langle SMP_i \rangle$  is received by the base station  $Y_i$ , as mentioned in the registration phase, the base station will encrypt the masked password as in eqn. 2 and then decrypt the masked password as in eqn. 4. After decryption Base station  $Y_i$  verify the user with the registered user. Check  $SMP_i$  is equal to the stored  $MP_i$ . If not, then report wrong password  $P_i$  to the user. This process performs up to some predefined number of times so that it can withstand password guessing attack by using stolen or lost smart card. If the user name and password of the user is same, then it will ask the biometric  $SBK_i$  of the entered user  $SX_i$ .

If the user enters the biometrics  $SBK_i$ , the Base station  $Y_i$  extracts the minutiae of the biometrics and calculate the  $SD$  using eqn. 2. In order to verify the biometric of the user, the standard deviation of the user  $SX_i$  and the corresponding  $SD$  of the registered user  $X_i$  is given as input to the matching ABC optimization algorithm.

### 3.2.C.Verification phase

After receiving the authentication request message, execute a mutual authentication process between the user and the remote system in the Verification phase. When  $Y_i$  receives login message  $\langle SIX_i, SP_i \rangle$  from the user  $SX_i$ ,  $Y_i$  first checks whether received  $SMP_i$  is equal to the stored  $MP_i$ . If not, then report wrong password  $P_i$  to the user. If the user name and password of the user is same, then it will ask the

biometric  $SBK_i$  of the entered user  $SX_i$ . If the user enters the biometrics  $SBK_i$ , base station verify the biometric of the user  $SBK_i$  matches with the registered biometric  $BK_i$  using the ABC optimization algorithm. If the maximum fitness value obtained from the algorithm is less than or equal to the threshold means the user is authorized to access the real time information. Otherwise, the user is declared as the unauthorized and he/she not have the permission to access the real time information.

### IV. Security analysis

We consider various attacks like privileged insider attack, guessing attack, stolen verifier attack, man-in-the-middle attack, DoS attack, many logged-in users with same login-id attack, and smart card breach attack. This attacks are explained below:

#### 4.1 Privileged insider attack

In this scheme, the user does not send his/her password in plain text during registration. Here the user name  $IX_i$  and the password  $P_i$  is first masked to produce  $MP_i$ , which is  $MP_i = (P_i \| IX_i)$ . It is computationally infeasible to find

$P_i$  from  $MP_i$  because the base station encrypt only the  $MP_i$ , but not the original user name and password. So the privileged insider of the base station cannot know the password  $P_i$ . Thus he/she cannot impersonate the user in those servers where the user might have registered himself/herself with the same password. So this proposed scheme is resistance to the privileged insider attack.

#### 4.2 Password Guessing attack

Consider the situation where a user lost his/her smart card, and it is found by an attacker or is stolen by an attacker. In that case, the attacker cannot impersonate that user by using the smart card because if the login message  $\langle SMP_i \rangle$  is received by the base station  $Y_i$ , it verify the user with the registered user. Check  $SMP_i$  is equal to the stored  $MP_i$ . If not, then report wrong password  $P_i$  to the user. This process performs up to some predefined number of times so that it can withstand password guessing attack by using stolen or lost smart card. So this scheme is resistance to guessing attack.

### V.CONCLUSIONS

In this paper user is authenticated using biometric finger print data where the features are extracted and stored in base station when a user wants to access the data he has to insert smart card and the finger. The standard deviation is calculated using artificial bee colony algorithm for searching in an optimized way.

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