

Byzantine-tolerant federated Gaussian process regression for streaming data

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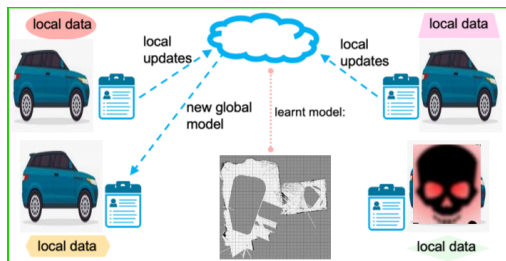
Problem formulation

Network model:

Cloud can communicate with agents

Agents cannot communicate with each other

Byzantine agents send arbitrary model parameters to the cloud



Observation model:

$$y^{[j]}(t) = (z^{[j]}(t)) + e^{[j]}(t)$$

Training data $(z^{[j]}(t); y^{[j]}(t))$ arrive sequentially

Objective: Design a Byzantine-tolerant algorithm which

Correctly learns the function

Does not require to share local streaming data $(z^{[j]}(t); y^{[j]}(t))$

Byzantine-tolerant federated GPR

Contribution

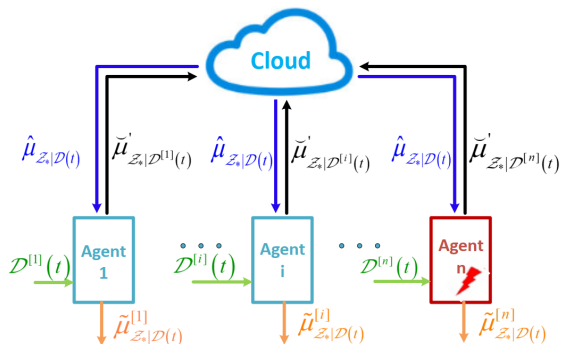
Design a Byzantine-tolerant federated Gaussian process regression (GPR) algorithm which

- Can guarantee the correct predictions and tolerate less than one quarter Byzantine agents
- Can deal with streaming data and perform on-line learning

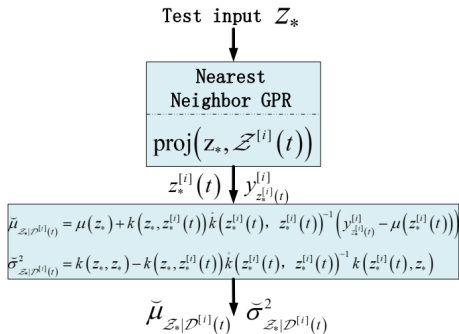
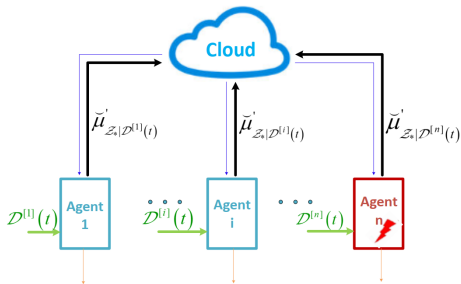
Agent-based local GPR

Cloud-based aggregated GPR

Agent-based fused GPR

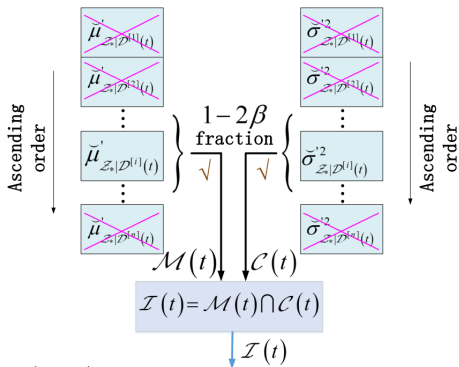
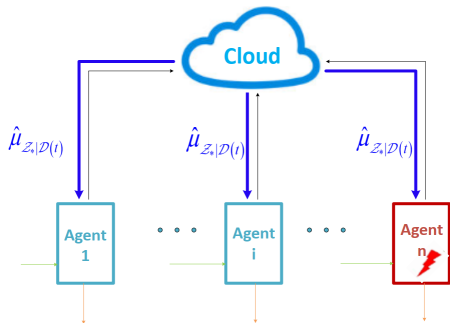


Agent-based local GPR



- ~ 0
 $Z_j D^{[j]}(t)$ $\sim Z_j D^{[i]}(t)$ Benign agent;
- ~ 1
 $Z_j D^{[j]}(t)$? Byzantine agent
- ~ 2
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Cloud-based aggregated GPR

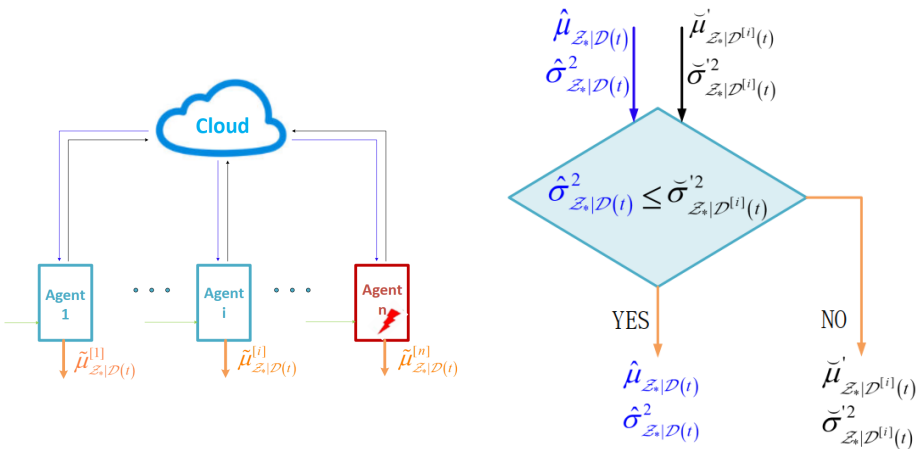


Byzantine-tolerant product of experts (PoE):

$$\hat{z}_{jD(t)} = \frac{\hat{z}_{jD(t)}^2}{j|j} \times \frac{\hat{z}_{jD^{[i]}(t)}^2}{j|j} \cdot \frac{\hat{z}_{jD^{[i]}(t)}^2}{j|j}$$

$$\hat{z}_{jD(t)}^2 = \frac{j|j}{i|j} \cdot \frac{j|j}{z_{jD^{[i]}(t)}} :$$

Agent-based fused GPR



Output: $\tilde{\mu}_{\mathcal{Z}_*|\mathcal{D}(t)}^{[i]}$, $(\tilde{\mu}_{\mathcal{Z}_*|\mathcal{D}(t)}^{[i]})^2$

Robustness of cloud-based aggregated GPR

Assumption

Less than one quarter of the agents are Byzantine.

Dispersion: $d^{[j]}(t) \triangleq \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z}} D(\mathbf{z}; Z^{[j]}(t))$

Theorem (Cloud-based aggregated GPR: Mean)

For any $\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z}$ and $0 < \epsilon < 1$, with probability at least $1 - \epsilon$, it holds that

$$\hat{z}^j D(t) - D(\mathbf{z}) \leq \left(\frac{d^{\max}(t)}{f + (\frac{e}{\max})^2} \right) k_1 + \frac{2 \cdot d^{\max}(t)}{f + (\frac{e}{\min})^2} + \rho \frac{1}{2^{2(\ln 2 - \ln \epsilon)}} + \Delta(d^{\max}(t))$$

where

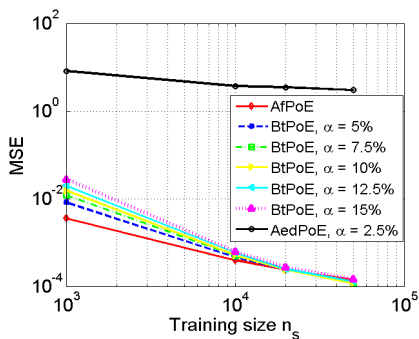
$$\Delta(s) \triangleq \frac{2 \left(\frac{\rho}{2^{2(\ln(2n) - \ln \epsilon)}} + \frac{2^k k_1}{f + (\frac{e}{\min})^2} \right) \frac{4 + \frac{2}{f} (\frac{\max}{e})^2}{2 (\frac{\min}{e})^2} (s)^2}{1 - 4}$$

Theorem (Cloud-based aggregated GPR: Variance)

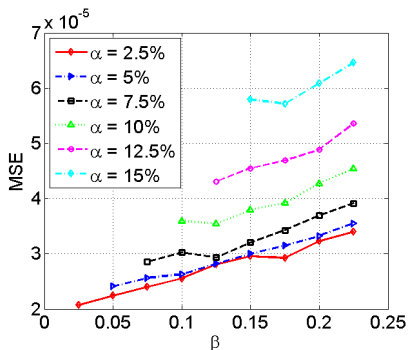
For any $\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z}$, it holds that $\frac{2}{f + (\frac{e}{\max})^2} \hat{z}^j D(t) - \frac{2}{f} \frac{(d^{\max}(t))^2}{f + (\frac{e}{\max})^2}$.

Experiments (Synthetic dataset)

Experiment 1: Prediction performance in terms of consistency and different α , β



(a) Consistency evaluation



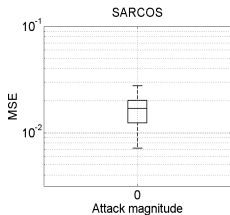
(b) Prediction performance on different β

Experiment 2: Prediction performance on different functions

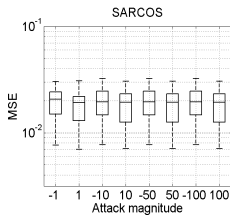
Algorithm	AfPoE	BtPoE	AedPoE
MSE ($\times 10^{-3}$)	0.0049 0.007	0.0236 0.172	26.5339 0.019

Experiments (Real-world datasets)

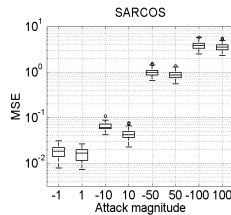
Experiment 3: Performance on different attack magnitudes



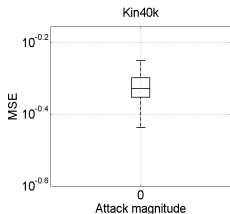
(c) Attack-free standard PoE



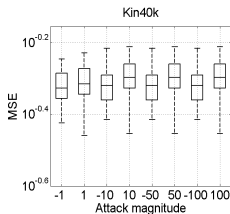
(d) Byzantine-tolerant PoE



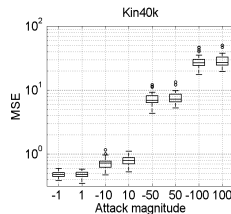
(e) Attacked standard PoE



(f) Attack-free standard PoE



(g) Byzantine-tolerant PoE



(h) Attacked standard PoE

