

Dependent Dirichlet Process Modeling and Identity Learning for Multiple Object Tracking

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Problem Statement

- Tracking a time-dependent number of objects
- Using measurement sets to determine object-state association at each time step as well as time-varying object cardinality

Goals:

- Jointly estimate the object cardinality and identity
- Accuracy in both object identity and object-state association
- Tractability as objects are evolving
- Efficiency of algorithms to track and update

Our Contribution: DDP-EMM

- Place a prior on temporally evolving objects states
 - (a) Survival, (b) Birth, and (c) Death
- Bayesian nonparametric model, DDP prior on the object states that captures birth, death, and survival.
- Inference using Gibbs sampler
- Adjust the weights among new and transitioned objects
- Update: DPM clustering the measurement
- Tracking algorithms that does not require high SNR
- Concurrently infer the number of objects and its state
- Achieve higher estimation accuracy and lower computational intensity

Related Approaches:

Random Finite Set

- Utilizes RFS to represent uncertainty in the number of objects as well as the state of objects
- These methods are approximations of Multi-object filter
- For instance: Multi-Bernoulli Filtering

Hierarchical Dirichlet Process

- Maneuvering target tracking problem
- Uncertainty on the number of modes and their associated statistics
- Kalman Filter

Dirichlet Process Mixtures

- Bayesian Inference for linear dynamic model
- k-means-like: Based on asymptotic analysis of DPM
- Does not include evolution

Evolutionary Clustering

- Does not capture birth and death
- Number of cluster is known

Theoretical Results

Dependent Dirichlet Process Modeling For State Prior

- DDP-EMM is to learn and label over related information
- Related information such as object labeling at the previous step and labeling of previously considered objects at the current time
- The choice of DDP on the object state distribution is based on the following dynamic dependencies:
 - The j th object from time $(k-1)$ remains in the scene at time k , and it is reassigned to a cluster that has already been selected by one of the $(j-1)$ previous objects at time k .
 - The j th object from time $(k-1)$ remains in the scene at time k and is assigned to a cluster that has been survived from time $(k-1)$ but has not yet been selected by the previous $(j-1)$ objects.
 - The j th object is a new arrival object at time k .

THEOREM :

The distribution on the j th object state at time k is :

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{j,k} | \mathbf{x}_{j,k-1}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) = p(\mathbf{x}_{j,k} | \mathbf{x}_{j,k-1}, \mathbf{a}) + p(\mathbf{x}_{j,k} | \mathbf{x}_{j,k-1}, \mathbf{b}) + p(\mathbf{x}_{j,k} | \mathbf{c})$$

Dirichlet Process Mixtures Learning

Inference

$$\theta_{j,k} | \alpha \sim \text{DDP}(\alpha, \mathbf{G}_0)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{j,k} | \mathbf{x}_{j,k-1}, \theta_{j,k} \sim \mathbf{F}(\theta_{j,k})$$

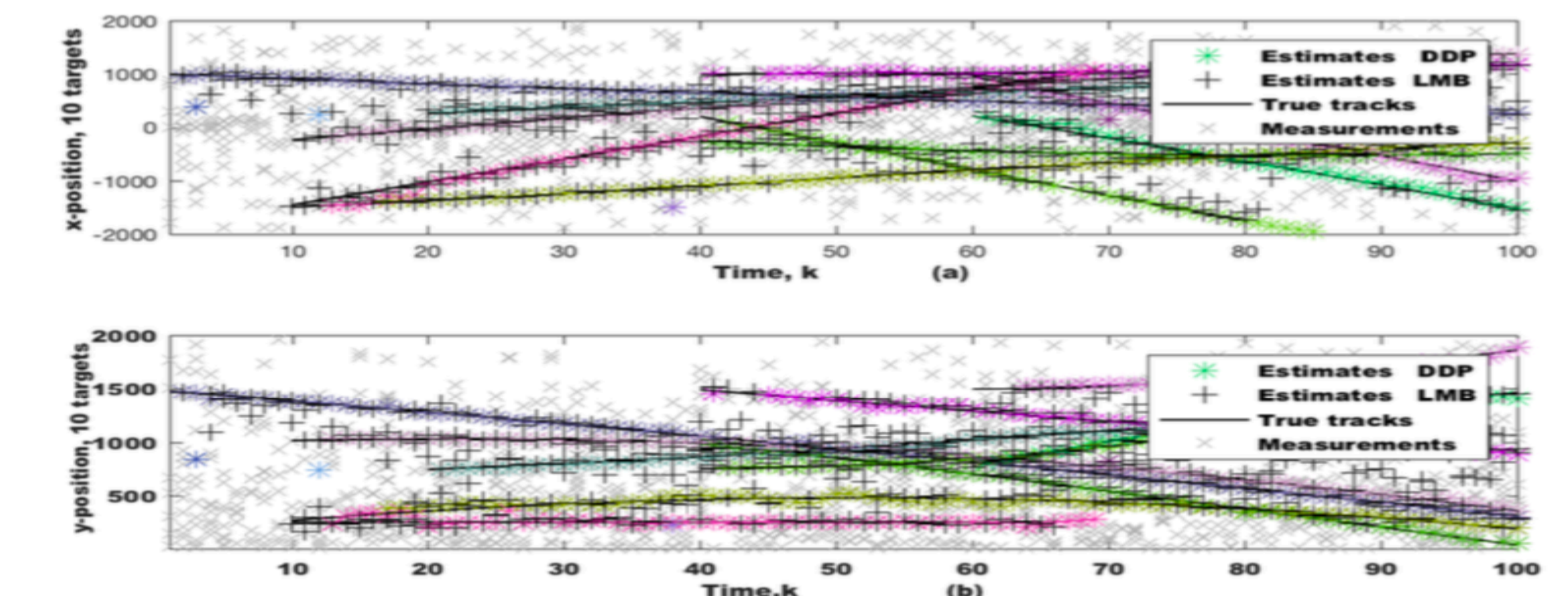
$$\mathbf{z}_{l,k} | \mathbf{x}_{j,k}, \theta_{j,k} \sim \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}_{j,k}, \theta_{j,k})$$

Use Gibbs sampling method to update labels and parameters.

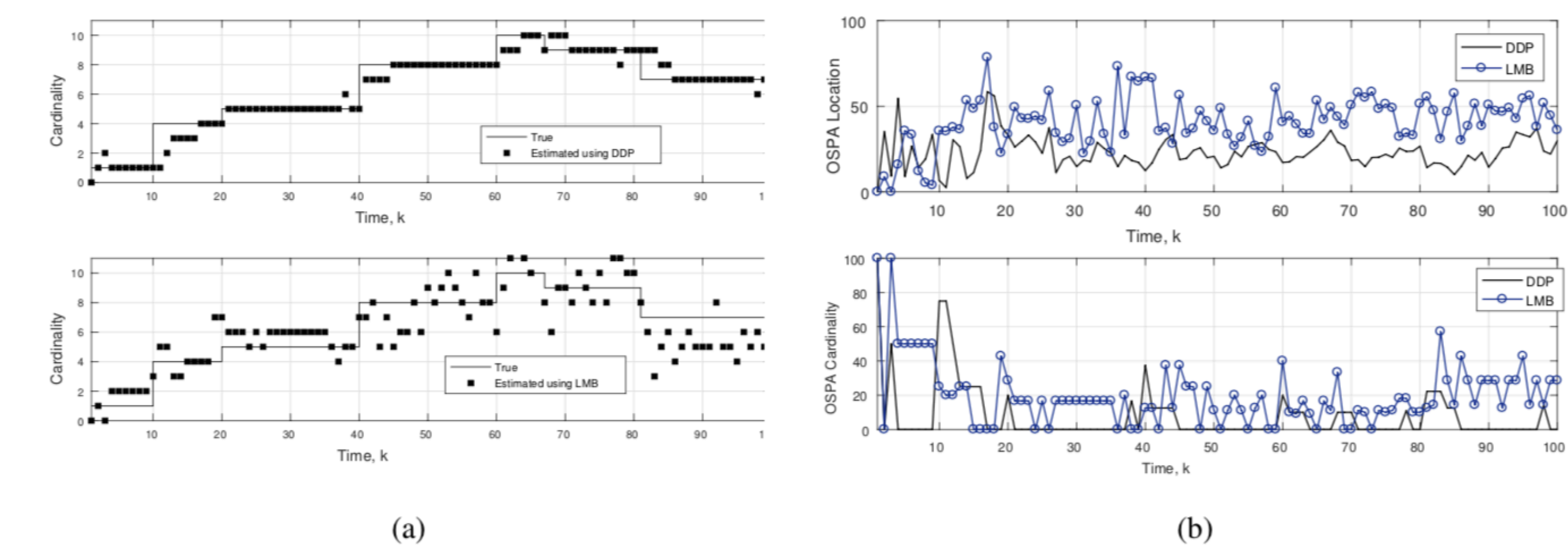
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DDP-EMM Algorithm: Experimental Results



Actual and estimated x (top) and y (bottom) position against time for DDP-EMM and LMB.



- (a) Comparison between cardinality estimation for DDP(top) and LMB(bottom)
- Comparison between DDP and LMB: OSPA location (top) and cardinality (bottom) of order $p=1$ and cut-off=100

Summary

- We have introduced the DDP-EMM algorithm to model object evolution that along with the measurement sets may infer the object identity and the time-dependent object cardinality.
- The DDP-EMM algorithm can be integrated, for example, into Dirichlet process mixture models for estimation of source location.
- The DPM model to update the time-dependent object cardinality.
- Significant gains over existing algorithms such as labeled multi Bernoulli.