Paper Title: **Distributed Sensor Data Computing in Smart City Applications**

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1. Summery

1.1 Motivation

The motivation for this paper stems from the escalating volume of data in the Internet of Things (IoT) era, foreseeing challenges for even the most advanced data centers employing big data processing techniques. The authors propose a solution by advocating for the distribution of intelligent computation to local resources, particularly in edge clouds or "fog," to enhance processing efficiency and generate high-quality data for subsequent analytics. While the paper primarily focuses on sensor data from Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs), the suggested paradigm is applicable to various data types in smart city applications. The authors highlight the versatility of intelligent processing at local resources, emphasizing the potential for implementing diverse data integration and abstraction methods to produce valuable information granules at different resolutions. Looking ahead, the paper outlines three critical research directions for truly smart cities: the development of knowledge representation methods for complex smart city data, the exploration of knowledge discovery techniques for comprehensive analytics spanning cyber, physical, and social domains, and the evaluation of the trustworthiness of insights derived from continuous analytics, considering the dynamic and often noisy nature of smart city data.

1.2 Contribution

The authors contribute to the field of Internet of Things (IoT) and data processing by introducing the concept of "distributed intelligence" as a solution to the challenges posed by the growing volume of IoT data. Their proposal involves dispersing intelligent computation to smaller, autonomous units like sensor network gateways, smartphones, or edge clouds, aiming to reduce data sizes and enhance efficiency. This approach addresses the inefficiencies of transferring large amounts of raw data to centralized data centers and offers potential advantages, such as reduced latency and improved quality of services due to the proximity of autonomous units to data consumers. The authors present research methodologies, apparatus design, and a case study on urban air pollution monitoring and visualization to support the feasibility and effectiveness of their proposed distributed intelligence framework.

1.3 Methodology

1. **Sensor Data Acquisition:**
    - Two general methods for acquiring sensor data are presented: discovering sensor services and subscribing to them, or directly searching streaming databases in edge clouds.
    - Each method has its advantages, with the first enabling loosely coupled IoT applications through service discovery and composition, and the second being more suitable for applications requiring direct data processing and analytics.
2. **Integration into Edge Clouds:**
    - Both data acquisition methods are seamlessly integrated into an edge cloud, forming a fundamental platform for data services and distributed intelligence.
    - Edge clouds offer core functionalities, including storage for metadata and semantic descriptions of sensor services, as well as observation and measurement data collected from sensors.
3. **Semantic Modeling and Representation:**
    - The importance of semantic technologies and service-oriented architecture for IoT is emphasized, particularly in addressing the challenges of highly distributed and heterogeneous "Things" connected to the Internet.
    - Ontological models for sensor services and sensor data are developed, enabling fine-grained semantic annotations and creating meaningful linked sensor data for service and data discovery.
4. **Service Discovery and Ranking:**
    - Challenges in service discovery due to semantic annotations are addressed, leading to the development of a semantic sensor service discovery platform based on spatial indexing and semantic search.
    - A novel ranking method is introduced, leveraging WSN contextual information to estimate the cost of accessing sensor services. This ranking method considers energy levels, importance, and link quality summary for efficient service selection.
5. **Data Query and Search:**
    - Compared to service discovery and subscription, searching in time-series databases within edge clouds is discussed as a means to directly retrieve sensor data.
    - The methodology introduces a data search method based on criteria such as location, observed features, spatial extent, and time window, providing flexibility for querying historical and near real-time data.