

Load Balancing With Multipath Routing In MANAET

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Abstract: - Mobile ad hoc network is a collection of wireless mobile nodes, such as devices as PDAs, mobile phones, laptops etc. that are connected over a wireless medium. There is no pre-existing communication infrastructure (no access points, no base stations) and the nodes can freely move and self-organize into a network topology. Hence, balancing the load in a MANET is important because the nodes in MANET have limited communication resources such as bandwidth, buffer space, and battery power. Most of the current routing protocols for mobile Ad-hoc networks consider the shortest path which is having minimum hop count as optimal route without considering any particular node's traffic and resulting in degradation of the performance by causing serious problems in any particular mobile node like congestion, queuing delay and power depletion. Therefore it is very attractive to investigate Routing protocols which use a Routing Metric to Balance Load in Ad-hoc networks. This paper discusses about LBMPR (Load balancing with multipath Routing Protocol) for efficient data transmission in MANETs.

Key terms: - *Load Balancing, Mobile Ad hoc Networks, Multipath Routing*

I. INTRODUCTION

MANET is a ad-hoc wireless network formed by a group of mobile nodes which may not be within the transmission range of each other. MANET is having frequently changing topology. The nodes in MANET are self-configuring, self organizing, self-maintaining and characterized by multi-hop wireless connectivity. Mobile nodes in MANET are connected by wireless links and each node act as host end router in the network. MANET is a collection of mobile nodes, such as PDAs, mobile phones, laptops which are connected over a wireless medium. The routing protocols in MANET can be categorized in to three different groups: Table Driven/Proactive, On-demand/Reactive and Hybrid routing protocols. In Table Driven routing protocols, each node stores and maintains routing information to every other node in the network. These are done by periodically exchanging routing table throughout the networks. These protocols maintain tables at each node which store updated routing information for every node to every another node within the network. In on-demand routing protocols, routes are created when required by the source node, rather than storing up-to-date routing tables. Hybrid routing protocols combine the basic properties of the two classes of protocols. In this paper, we propose a multipath routing protocol, LBMPR, in order to minimize the route break recovery overhead. LBMPR provides most of the intermediate nodes on the primary path with multiple paths to destination, along with source node. Primary path is the first path received by source node after initiating the route discovery, which is usually the shortest path. Along with shortest path it provides multiple path to destination from the source node during the route discovery process. All the multiple paths are used for data transmission at a time. Existing protocol SMORT is an extension to the unipath routing protocol AODV. The results are compared with the AODV protocol also because, it is important to know if the multipath protocol provides better scalability than its unipath counterpart. Except that comparison between existing SMORT and LBMPR is considered. This paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we described the related work. Section 3 provides system programmers design, finally we include the comparison of the protocols and conclude the paper.

II. RELATED WORK

In this section, we briefly present the research work related to multipath routing in literature. Recently, some multipath routing protocols have been proposed for ad hoc networks also. Multipath source routing (MSR) [1,2], extends DSR route discovery and route maintenance phases to compute multiple node-disjoint paths. It also proposes a mechanism to distribute load over multiple paths, based on the RTT measurement. MSR finds maximally disjoint multiple paths and uses a per-packet allocation scheme to distribute data packets on to multiple paths. This enables the effective utilization of network resources and avoids nodes from being congested. MSR computes only two

paths to each destination. All the above protocols are based on the source routing protocol DSR. Ad hoc on-demand distance vector multipath (AODVM) [3] is also a multipath routing protocol based on AODV. It proposes a routing framework to provide robustness to route breaks. Many disjoint multipath routing techniques [5,6,7] have been proposed for ad hoc networks, which have focused on improving the reliability of routing using path disjointness or redundancy. Saha et al.[5] proposed a maximally zone-disjoint multipath routing, which computes a set of zone-disjoint shortest paths for traffic load balancing. The zone-disjointness of paths minimizes the congestion for the traffic sent simultaneously over the multiple paths. Disjoint multipath source routing proposed in [6], statically multiplexes the data traffic over multiple disjoint paths at all nodes on the primary path. It achieves better transport capacity by doing so, when compared to the original source routing algorithm, in which packets go on a single path from source to destination. Tsirigos and Haas proposed a disjoint multipath routing protocol that can be used in the presence of frequent topological changes. It uses multiple paths simultaneously, by splitting the information among the multitude of paths. Disjoint multipath routing [4] proposed by Abbas and Jain tries to reduce the effect of path diminution problem in finding node-disjoint multiple paths. As this routing technique also requires the route request packets to carry the traversed path, it suffers from the same disadvantage as the previous protocol. In [7], Ducatelle et al. propose a hybrid multipath routing based on ant colony optimization framework for traffic load-balancing. Multipath fresnel zone routing [9] proposed by Liang and Midkiff take the capacity of intermediate nodes into consideration for selecting disjoint multiple paths. It evaluates the capacity and the transmitting cost of different intermediate nodes, and formulates end-to-end paths of different capacity and cost. Then the protocol forwards the traffic through these different paths, by adjusting the amount of traffic on each path based on path capacity and congestion conditions. Papadimitratos et al. [10] proposed a reliable disjoint multipath selection approach using an efficient heuristic mechanism. Roy et al. compared the two disjoint multipath techniques that use omnidirectional and directional antennas, respectively. They showed through simulations that directional antennas help in computing multiple paths efficiently, when compared to omnidirectional antennas. Fault tolerant routing proposed by Xue and Nahrstedt [11] uses a path estimation mechanism for selecting a reliable route. Li and Cuthbert proposed a stable nodedisjoint multipath routing, which applies the path accumulation feature of DSR to AODV. But, this path accumulation feature requires the route request packet to carry the full path it has traversed. This requirement increases the size of route request packet, particularly in large networks where paths between nodes are longer. These large-sized route request packets, which are flooded across the entire network for route discovery, increase the routing overhead and thereby limit the network scalability.

III. PROGRAMMER'S DESIGN

Proposed protocol system is divided into modules and these modules are integrated together for the execution of the system. The proposed system includes following modules,

1. Route discovery process

A node initiates route discovery process, when it wants to communicate to a destination. *Route Request Phase* Proposed protocol considers heterogeneous systems in network, heterogeneity in terms of transmission power, load battery power etc. It calculates the utility of the node based on these factors while route discovery. It selects the most resource rich nodes in the network. Route discovery is performed over a number of different iterations. In the first iteration the algorithm allows only the most resource rich, means the nodes with the highest required utility level; nodes to rebroadcast during the route discovery phase. If the first iteration fails to determine a route to the required destination, then the source node reduces the utility level requirement to allow less resource rich nodes to also participate in routing. The source node begins by calculating a utility function and assigns a minimum level of utility to which each node must have in order to be able to rebroadcast the Route Request (RREQ) message. Different levels of utility requirement are there to be chosen, after which if a route to the required destination is not found, the source node will transmit and RREQ without a utility, i.e. all intermediate nodes are allowed to rebroadcast. Each node forwarding a RREQ stores its location information within the RREQ packet. The receiving node will then check to see if the forwarding nodes location falls within its transmission range. If yes, it updates its route table (i.e. assuming bi-directionality) and rebroadcasts the RREQ packet, or sends back a RREP if a route to the destination is known. Otherwise, it deletes the RREQ. Route request is given an ID. RREQ packet is sent with a field RREQ ID. This field contains the id of route request sent. In below figure, node S is sending a RREQ to neighbor node F, A and J. First copy of the route request

sets RREQ ID as ID1. Same as second copy of RREQ sets RREQ ID as ID2. And so on. Number

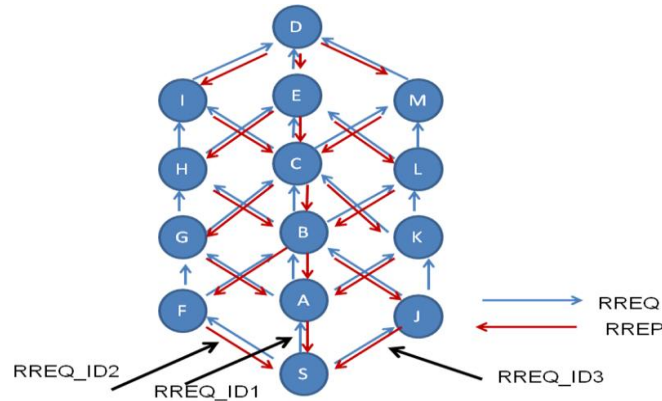


Figure 1: Multiple path between S and D

of RREQ copies can be restricted. When it comes to route reply the route request which is having ID1 is served first. Then it will reply for ID2.

Route Reply Phase Route replies follow the reverse paths stored in the request-rcvd table to reach the source node. When destination node receives first RREQ packet it will send RREP using reverse path. RREQ ID1 is served first. Consider above figure for the case. Destination node D sends reply for the RREQ ID1. RREP packet consists of mul_rply field. For the node E on the primary path will receive the RREP packet with mul_rply value as true. It means it can send multiple copies of route reply packet. For the remaining nodes who receive mul_rply field as false. It means only one copy of RREP packet can be sent.

Once the path has been discovered destination node will respond to another copy of the RREQ that is RREQ ID2. This time RREQ ID1 will be disabled. Destination node D will send reply for the ID2. The node from which it has received RREQ will receive RREP packet with mul_rply value as true. The remaining nodes will receive the RREP with mul_rply value as false. Same procedure will repeat here again. The node with the true value will send multi-

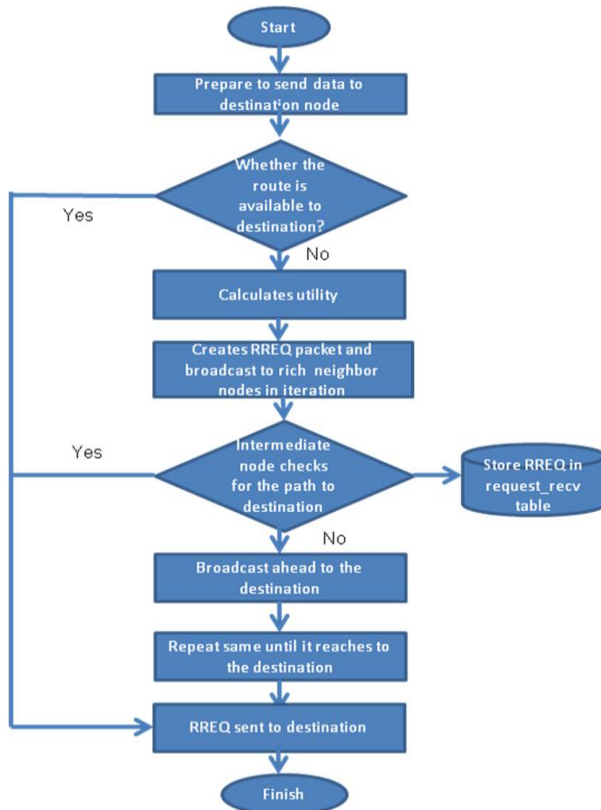


Figure 2: Flowchart-RREQ

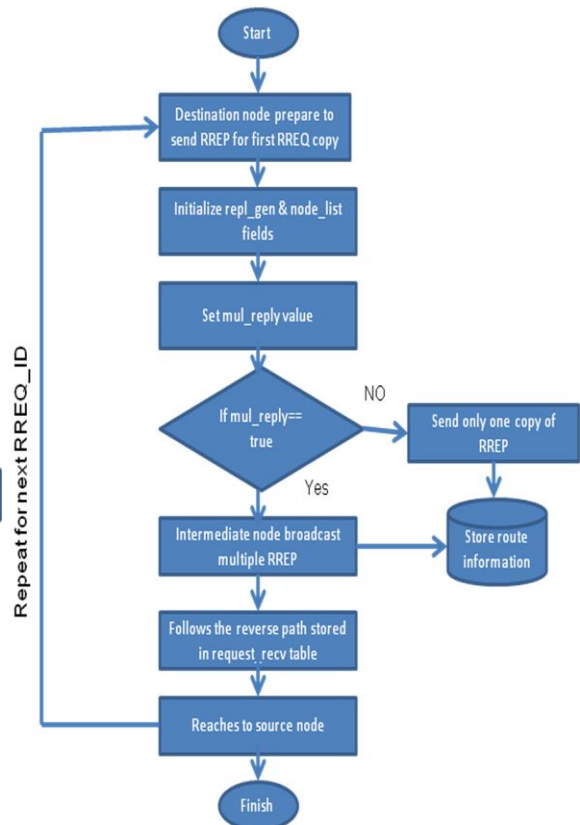


Figure 3: Flowchart-RREP

ple copy of RREP packet. And the remaining node will send a single copy of RREP packet. Another path will be discovered when this RREP will reach to destination. Same way multiple path can be discovered between single source and destination pair.

2. Data transmission

Data transmission in proposed mechanism uses traffic distribution strategy. The source node uses the technique of traffic splitting to disperse the traffic over multiple paths. It is based on weight of the each path. Algorithm uses scheduling technique for time slices. Lets understand with an example. Take a simple example, Path A, B and C, have the weights, 4, 3, 2 respectively, a scheduling sequence will be AABABCABC in a scheduling period (mod sum(p)). A scheduling sequence will be generated according to the path weights. It calculates the weight by following equation

$$Temp_i = BW_i / L_i * factor_i$$

$$sum = Temp_1 + Temp_2 + Temp_3 + \dots p_i = (Temp_i / sum) * 100$$

Where, BW is the bandwidth and L is the delay. The path which is having highest weight will be utilized more. The time duration for which the path is used is based upon the gcd(p).

3. Route maintenance

Route maintenance phase maintains the routes established during the route reply phase, for the time duration of session. The lifetime of routing entries is used for this purpose. The lifetime of route represents the time until when the route through next hop is valid. Nodes on the primary path refresh the lifetime of their routing table entries, each time a data packet for the corresponding destination is forwarded. The lifetime of routes at the nodes on the secondary path is initiated to a sufficiently large value. This value can be decided based on the frequency of path breaks due to mobility and probability of node failures. We call this parameter as SEC ROUTE LIFETIME. If a requirement for the secondary route arrives before this lifetime, the secondary route is used for data transmission, and then its lifetime is updated as long as data transmission happens through the route. Otherwise, secondary routes are deleted from routing tables once their initial lifetime expires.

The lifetime of route is updated by CURRENT-TIME + ACTIVE-ROUTE-TIMEOUT, whenever a data packet is sent through next hop successfully. This means that the route is valid and needed till the upcoming ACTIVE-ROUTE-TIMEOUT seconds. CURRENT-TIME is the absolute clock time of the node performing this update. If a route to the destination expires, that means, if route's existing-lifetime is less than CURRENT-TIME, the route is invalid and cannot be used for sending data packets. Later, when a data packet arrives for the same destination, the node checks whether the valid secondary path to the destination is available in the route-list of the routing entry. If a valid secondary route exists, the primary path is replaced with the secondary path and packets are forwarded through it. If a valid secondary does not exist, a route error packet is sent to the source nodes through the nodes in the precur-list of the destination's route entry. And the source node will go for new route discovery.

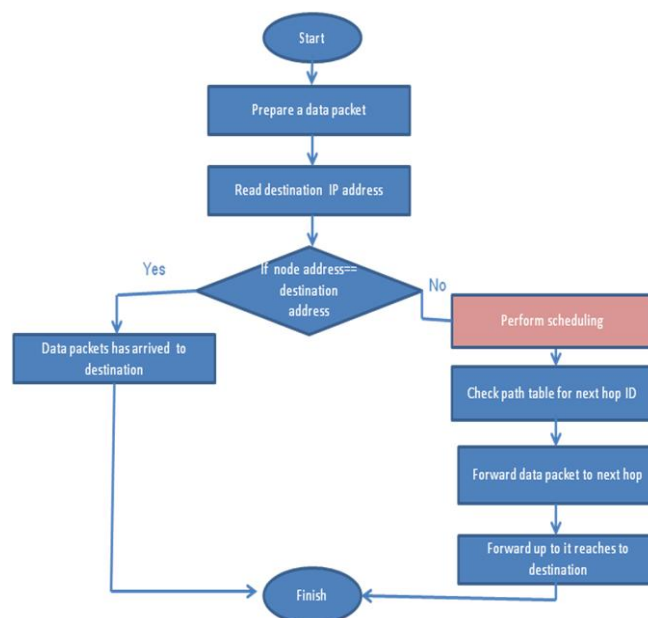


Figure 4: Flowchart-Data transmission

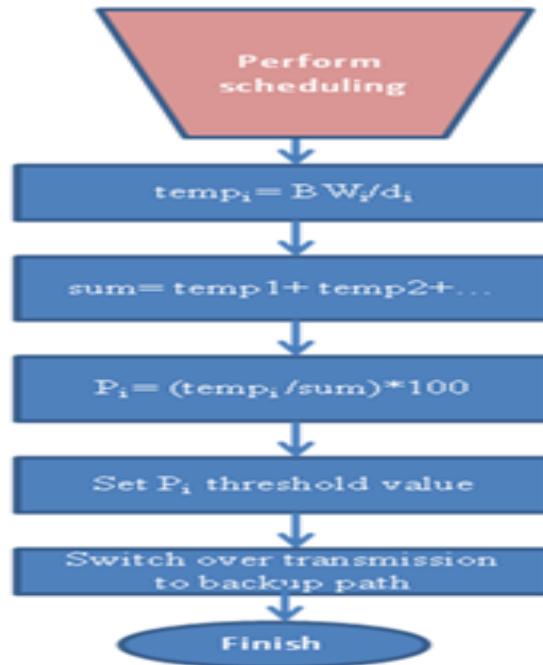


Figure 5: Data transmission

3.1. Mathematical Model

Sets for the proposed system Notations

G= Global set

N= networks

WN= Wired Network

WLN= Wireless Network

IN = Infrastructured Network ILN= Instrastructureless Network QOS= Quality Of Service

D= Delay

MD= Minimum delay

MCO= Minimum Control Overhead

R= Reliability

LP= Laptop

PDA=Personal Digital Assistant

MOB = Mobile Phones

D= Delay

RREQ = Route Request Packet RREP= Route Reply Packet DTP = Data Packet

RERR= Route Error Packet $G = \{N\}$

$N = \{WN, WLN\}$ where $N \subset G$

$WLN = \{IN, ILN\}$ where $WLN \subset N$

$ILN = \{QOS, DEV, PKT\}$ where $ILN \subset WLN$ $QOS = \{D, MD, MCO, R\}$ $DEV = \{LP, PDA, MOB\}$

$PKT = \{RREQ, RREP, DTP, RERR\}$ where $QOS, DEV, PKT \subset ILN$

Input/output for the proposed system

For the Route discovery phase Input will be RREQ Packets

Output will be Route between nodes For the Data transmission phase Input will be data Packets sent

Output will be data Packets received For the Route maintenance phase Input will be RERR Packets

Output will be Act to discover alternate path

Functionality

1. **Broadcasting** Each node in the system can broadcast RREQ for the new route discovery.
2. **Check for the available route** This functionality checks for the available route between source to desired destination.
3. **Find Multiple path** This functionality finds the multiple path for transmission of data.
4. **Find fail safe path** this functionality finds the fail safe path for each primary path which is the combination of node disjoint and link disjoint path.

3.2. Dynamic Programming and Serialization

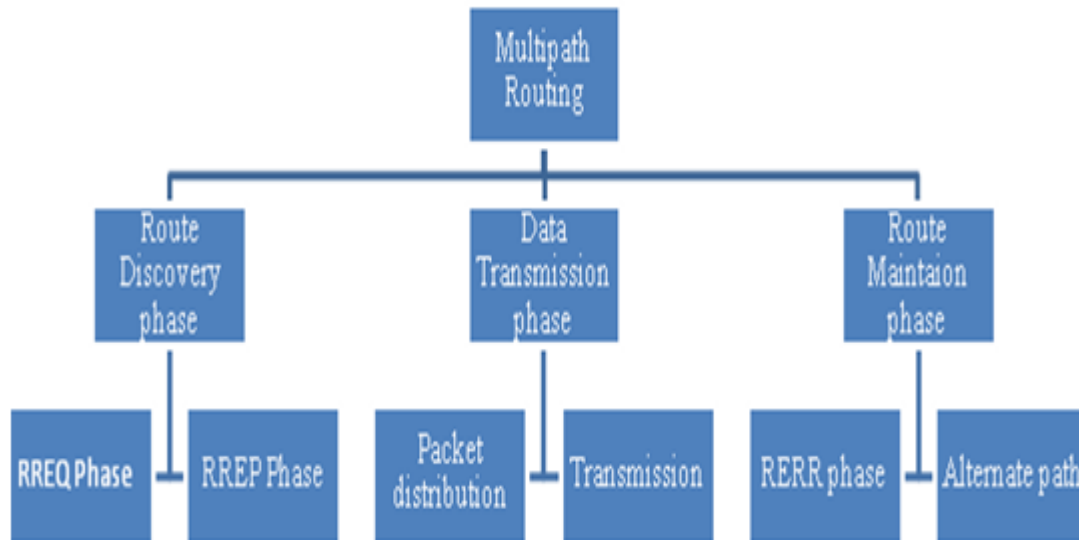


Figure 6: Protocol structure

Here is the structure of protocol which is divided into above mentioned submodules these submodules are merged at the end.

3.3. Data independence and Data Flow architecture

The route table is used to store routing information towards every destination. *Request received table*: The table is used to store route request information. Tuple contains (address of the previous node, number of hops). Address of the previous node field represents the node that relayed the route-request to it called lasthop. Number of hops field represents the route-request has traversed from the source node.

Route Table: The route table has an update list of all the possible routes to the desired destinations. Each element in the table is a six tuple of the form (destination addr, route - list, dest seq nb, precurlist). destination addr represent the unique addresses of the destination node; Multiple routes to destination are stored in route - list of the routing entry; The list of lasthops, through which replies are sent, are stored in the precur - list of the routing entry;

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. Performance metrics

Following metrics are going to be compute to evaluate scalability and performance of SMORT: *Throughput* : Throughput is calculated as the number of data bytes delivered to all destinations during the simulation.

Average packet transmission delay: Average packet transmission delay is the average time taken by data packets to travel from source node to destination. This per-packet delay includes not only the absolute delay experienced by the packet in reaching the destination, but also the delay in resuming the session, after the route breaks have occurred.

Packet delivery ratio: the ratio of the number of delivered data packet to the destination. This illustrates the level of delivered data to the destination.

2. Experiment Throughput, routing overhead and average packet transmission delay are going to be compute by increasing the number of nodes in the network from 25,50,75 and 100 nodes. Mobility of nodes will be constant.

3. Result performance

Expected result of the above experiment is LBMPR will perform better in terms of above performance matrix.

V. CONCLUSION

In this work the objective was to introduce LBMPR. That includes to discover multiple path between source and destination with fail safe path. All the traffic can be transmit through all multiple path at a time. Except this LBMPR considers heterogeneous nodes in network.

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