

Mobile and Sensor Systems

Lecture 5: Ad Hoc and Delay Tolerant Routing

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What's in this lecture



- We will describe ad hoc routing protocols
- We will introduce delay tolerant networks which are disconnected ad hoc networks
- We will describe delay tolerant routing protocols
- We will illustrate examples of geographical routing



Connected vs Disconnected Ad Hoc Networks

Connected: there is a connected path among each couple

Disconnected: there is no connected path, just sometimes some temporal ones





Routing in Wired/Wireless Networks



- Link State
 - Each node sends its link information to all nodes in the network
 - Small vector to all large number of nodes
 - Dijkstra for shortest path
- Distance Vector
 - Each node sends its table to its neighbours
 - Large vector to small number of nodes
 - Bellman Ford for shortest path



OLSR: Optimized Link State

- Proactive
- Hello messages from a node to its neighbours with bidirectional links and list of known neighbours -> learning 2 hop neighbourhood
- Ask a subset of neighbours to forward a node's link state (subset=MPR, Multipoint Relay)
- If node X is in your MPR you are in X's MPR Selector
- Each MPR has a set of MPR Selectors
- Each node sends LS to all its neighbours
- MPR forwards LS of MPR's selectors
- Nodes use this info for routing tables but do not forward



OLSR Example



- Node 5 has selected 4 and 8 as MPR and sends LS to 2,3,4,6,7,8,11
- Nodes 2,3 6,7,11 use this info but do not forward
- Node 4 forwards to 1,6,12,13
- Node 8 forwards to 6,9,10



How are MPR Selected?

- MPR are arbitrarily selected
- A node can put all its neighbours into a MPR but
 - Not optimized -> lots of duplication
 - Optimal: min set such that all 2-hop neighbours get node's LS
 - Finding optimal MPR is NP complete
 - Heurisitics
 - N1(x)=1-hop neighbours
 - N2(x)=2-hop neighbours not covered
 - MPR(x)= empty
 - From N1(x)-MPR(x), select node A that has max connectivity to uncovered nodes (and update N2(x))
 - Add A to MPR(x)



Link State forwarding



- Each node maintains a routing table with
 - Node id, next hop, distance
- The table is never forwarded
- Updates on links are forwarded when there is a topology change



Drawbacks of OLSR (and partly of ad hoc protocols)

- Assumes a connected network
- Assumes bidirectional links
 - Extensions have been proposed to consider link quality and bidirectionality
- Being proactive means it consumes a lot of resources



Destination Sequenced Distance Vector Routing

- Proactive
- Each node maintains a table with a route to every node
- Each entry of the table has a sequence number assigned by the destination
 - Sequence number, Destination, hops required, next hop







DSDV routing updates



- Each node periodically transmits updates
 - Includes its own sequences number, routing table updates
- Nodes also send routing table updates for important link changes
- When two routes to a destination received from two different neighbors
 - Choose the one with greatest destination sequence number
 - If equal, choose the smaller metric (hop count)



DSDV --- full dump



- Full Dumps
 - Carry all routing table information
 - Transmitted relatively infrequently
- Incremental updates
 - Carry only information changed since last full dump
 - Fits within one network protocol data unit
 - If can't, send full dump



DSDV --- link additions





- When A joins network
 - Node A transmits routing table: <A, 101, 0>
 - Node B receives transmission, inserts <A, 101, A, 1>
 - Node B propagates new route to neighbors <A, 101, 1>
 - Neighbors update their routing tables: <A, 101, B, 2> and continue propagation of information



DSDV --- link breaks





- Link between B and D breaks
 - Node B notices break
 - Update hop count for D and E to be infinity
 - Increments sequence number for D and E
 - Node B sends updates with new route information
 - <D, 203, infinite>
 - <E, 156, infinite>





- On Demand routing-> Reactive= construct a route only when needed
- Source route=list of routers along the path
- A node S wanting to send checks if it knows the route to the destination D
- If S does not know route to D and sends route request with its ID
- Each node adds itself to the request (compiling a "route record) and forwards to neighbours
- If a node knows the route it appends it and replies back with a route reply [in the worst case D replies back]



Dynamic Source Routing

- The node issuing the route reply places the route record in the reply as well as its known route to destination
- If this node has a path to the source this is followed, or the symmetric path can be followed (if bidirectional links are supported)
- Route Maintenance:
 - When a hop cannot be followed [due to link error] that hop is deleted from the cached route from that node





- If there is high node mobility, reactive routing is not performing well
 - Why?
- Routing overhead is proportional to path length







- Zone routing is a hybrid protocol which combines proactive with reactive approaches
- A zone around node N is maintained where routes are collected proactively
- Beyond the zone an inter zone protocol is responsible to determine the routes in a reactive way







- When the network is not connected ad hoc routing protocols are unable to deliver the messages
- The strategy that works exploits the fact that nodes can store the messages and forward them later





- Vahdat and Becker
- Utilize physical motion of devices to transport data
- *Store-carry-forward* paradigm
 - Nodes buffer and carry data when disconnected
 - Nodes exchange data when met
 - data is replicated throughout the network
- Robust to disconnections
- Scalability and resource usage problems





































The Trouble with ER



- High delivery but also high overhead!
- Lots of duplications and collision
- Can we do better than this?
 - ...with infinite buffers and bandwidth, not in terms of the delivery but only in terms of overhead!
 - With finite buffers and/or limited bandwidth, if we send less messages around we can do much better!



How can we improve from Epidemic Routing

- Exploit the knowledge on the mobility of the nodes
- Is the mobility deterministic (ie. Always on the same path at same times like busses)? Maybe we can even control the mobility of some of the nodes!
- If not fixed, is it at least predictable?
- If not predictable, random...



What when you do not know the mobility?



- Prediction of mobility techniques need to be applied unless you want to use "epidemic"
- Instead of blindly forwarding packets to all or some neighbors, intermediate nodes estimate the chance, for each outgoing link, of eventually reaching the destination.
- Based on this estimation, the intermediate nodes decide whether to store the packet and wait for a better chance, or decide to which nodes (and the time) to forward.



Context Aware Routing



- When a node wants to send a message to another known node in the network it forwards it to the best (carrier) neigbour
- How is the best carrier neighbour chosen?
 - Host mobility
 - Host colocation with destination node
 - Battery?
 - A utility function which weights these various aspects
 - Kalman Filter is used to predict future host colocation with destination based on previous history
- The approach is based on local knowledge only



Greedy Perimeter Stateless Routing (GPSR)

- The algorithm consists of two methods for forwarding packets:
- greedy forwarding, which is used wherever possible, and
- *perimeter forwarding*, which is used in the regions greedy forwarding cannot be.





Greedy Forwarding



- Under GPSR, packets are marked by their originator with their destinations' locations.
- As a result, a forwarding node can make a locally optimal, greedy choice in choosing a packet's next hop.
- Specifically, if a node knows its radio neighbors' positions, the locally optimal choice of next hop is the neighbor geographically closest to the packet's destination.
- Forwarding in this regime follows successively closer geographic hops, until the destination is reached.



Greedy Forwarding



- A simple beaconing algorithm provides all nodes with their neighbors' positions: periodically, each node transmits a beacon to the broadcast MAC address, containing only its own identifier (e.g., IP address) and position.
- Position is encoded as two four-byte floating point quantities, for x and y coordinate values.



Greedy Forwarding



- Upon not receiving a beacon from a neighbor for longer than timeout interval T, a GPSR router assumes that the neighbor has failed or gone out-of-range, and deletes the neighbor from its table.
 - The 802.11 MAC layer also gives direct indications of link-level retransmission failures to neighbors; algorithm interprets these indications identically.





Greedy forwarding not always possible! Consider:





Void Traversal: The Right-hand Rule



Well-known graph traversal: right-hand rule

- Requires only neighbors' positions
 Mapping perimeters by sending packets on tours of them, using the right-hand rule. The state accumulated in these packets is cached by nodes, which recover from local maxima in greedy forwarding by routing to a node on a cached perimeter closer to the destination
- This approach requires the no-crossing heuristic, to force the righthand rule to find perimeters that enclose voids in regions where edges of the graph cross.
- Caveat: if the graph has cross cutting edges:
 - Remove those with a specific procedure y





Full Greedy Perimeter Stateless Routing

- All packets begin in greedy mode
- Greedy mode uses full graph
- Upon greedy failure, node marks its location in packet, marks packet in perimeter mode
- Perimeter mode packets follow simple planar graph traversal:
 - Forward along successively closer faces by right-hand rule, until reaching destination
 - Packets return to greedy mode upon reaching node closer to destination than perimeter mode entry point





- Traverse face closer to *D* along *xD* by right-hand rule, until crossing *xD*
- Repeat with next-closer face etc.



Summary



- We have described ad hoc routing protocols for connected networks
- When there is no connected path between nodes delay tolerant routing protocols should be applied
- When geographical position of the nodes is known and the network is connected geographical routing protocols can be used



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