

Survey on Cluster Based Routing Protocol in MANETs

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Abstract: In Mobile Ad-hoc Networks (MANETs), many clustering schemes are proposed. The systematic classification is used. These schemes provide the better understanding and for better improvements. The Cluster Based Routing Protocol (CBRP) which is robust and scalable. The CBRP provides the functionality for better efficiency than other routing protocols such as Proactive and Reactive protocols. In CBRP clustering process is used to divide the network into groups of nodes. It is based on rules that nodes are allocated to different sub-network. The clustering scheme achieves high scalability in presence of large no. of networks and high mobility. The CBRP used for Reusability and coordination of resources to increase system capacity, reduce transmission and collision. In the CBRP enhance Performance and Energy efficiency. This paper represents clustering algorithm, routing algorithm.

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1. Introduction

The basic principle behind ad hoc networking is multi-hop, in which messages are sent from the source to the destination through the nodes. The communication between two ends of nodes is carried out through the number of intermediate nodes whose function is to relay the information from one point to another. In the last few years in multi hop ad hoc networks in which relaying nodes in general mobile, communication needs are primarily between nodes within the same network. It is peer to peer network without any centralized server.

MANETs represent complex distributed system. The wireless mobile nodes can freely and dynamically self-organize in ad-hoc network topologies.

Applications of MANETs

1. Military applications
2. Collaborative and Distributed Computing
3. Emergency Operations

Issues in MANETs

1. Distributed operation
2. Hidden terminals
3. Access delay

2. Literature Survey

Clustering: Division of network into different virtual groups, based on certain rules in order to differentiate the nodes allocated to other sub-network. In simple words we can say that clustering in MANET is done by virtual partitioning of nodes into sub-networks according to geographical area.

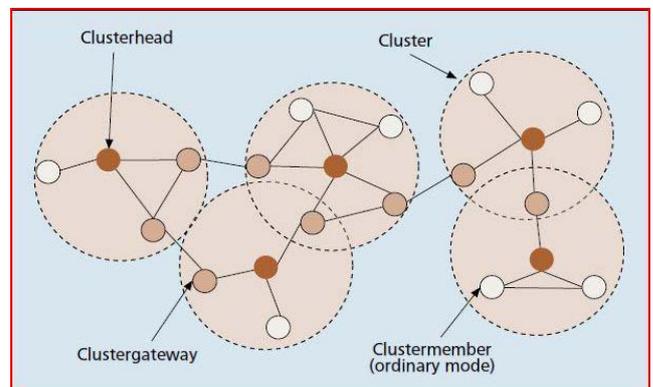


Figure 1: Cluster Structure

A typical cluster structure has shown in figure. It can be seen that different nodes are grouped to form a structure called as cluster on the basis of closeness and other factors. In any cluster structure there every mobile node is assigned with a status or function on the basis of their work and status nodes in any structure can be divided into three categories.

2.1 Cluster Head

It is a co-coordinator of a cluster it performs intra-cluster routing packet forwarding. A Cluster head is used to resource management for its member nodes and perform inter-cluster and intra-cluster communication. It works as base station. A cluster is shown in the above figure with dark-filled circles.

2.2 Gateway Node

A cluster gateway is a non cluster head node with inter-clusters links. It can access neighboring clusters and exchanges cluster-related information between two clusters. It acts as a common or distributed access point between two cluster heads. Gateway nodes are of two types:

(a) **Ordinary gateway node:** - When a node lies within the transmission range of two cluster heads i.e. both cluster heads remain its one hop- neighbor and it facilitates the

transmission between them then this node is called as ordinary gateway node for those two clusters.

(b) Distributed gateway node:- When a node is a one-hop neighbor of a cluster head and it is connected to other node that is also immediate neighbor of other cluster head so that both cluster head can communicate with each other via 2-hop neighbors then those two nodes are termed as Distributed gateway node.

Ordinary node: These are the nodes that exist as immediate neighbor of cluster head. They are cluster member but take part in topology and can act as cluster head or cluster gateway when there is a requirement.

Cluster control architecture: There are two kind of cluster control architecture one-hop and d-hop depending upon the diameter of the cluster in one-hop control architecture every ordinary node remain at maximum of one hop distance to its cluster head and in d-hop the distribution of ordinary node may be greater than one and at maximum of d-hop distance from central coordinator.

Structure of a cluster: Nodes in MANET can either be in flat structure or hierarchical structure.

In flat structure every node bears equal responsibility to perform any task. It works fine for small networks but for large networks there has been high communication overhead a network will be flooded through data packets.

In Hierarchical structure every node is assigned with certain task or nodes are divided to act efficiently. Like gateway node is responsible for inter or intra cluster communication, cluster head act as central co-coordinator etc.

3. Implementation to the Cluster-Based Routing Protocol

In hierarchical structure nodes in a network are organized into partitions called clusters. The nodes are in geographical area & close to each other to form a cluster. Then each cluster elects a centralized node called the cluster head. The cluster head which acts as a coordinator for that cluster. Dividing a network into clusters helps to maintain network table topology. Clustering in ad-hoc network is more manageable. Size of any cluster can be controlled with the help of transmission power of its dynamic node.

There are certain rules and algorithm in order to divide a network into clusters and select a cluster head among them. Any clustering algorithm partitions the network in an optimized way. Several clustering algorithms have been proposed some of them are very plain and simple and some of them are utilizing different parameters of ad-hoc network (i.e. mobility, transmission power, closeness etc).

3.1 Cluster Formation

3.1.1 Identifier Based Clustering

- Nodes itself consider as cluster head when it has the lowest ID/highest ID in its neighborhood.

- Every node broadcasts its own ID to all other neighboring node periodically and in form of any "HELLO" message.
- Nodes that receive messages from its neighboring node compare their IDs and the node with lowest ID has been selected as a cluster head.

If a node here broadcast message from two of its neighboring nodes has become a Gateway node.

3.1.2 Connectivity Based Clustering

The node which contains more neighbor nodes is itself considered as the cluster head.

Each node broadcasts value of its degree i.e. no. of neighbors connected to that node.

A node with highest value of degree in the neighborhood is selected as cluster head and all other neighboring nodes join as a cluster member. The procedure is continuously repeated until each node is assigned a cluster head.

The CBRP uses lowest-ID algorithm, which is an identifier-based algorithm. Each node uses a neighbor table. Information stored in a neighbor table is:

- Unique Node IDs in the cluster i.e. Cluster head / Member node.
- Status of the link of that particular node i.e. Unidirectional or Bidirectional.

The neighbor table is maintained sending HELLO messages periodically. HELLO message which contains information about a node's state, neighbor table and cluster adjacency table. CBRP uses two types of data structures for routing process:

- 1) **The Cluster Adjacency Table** - It stores information about neighboring clusters, in which the links are bi-directional or unidirectional.
- 2) **The Two-Hop Topology Database** - It contains all nodes that are at most two hops away.
 - a. Discover the route from a source node 'S' to destination node 'D'.
 - b. Actual transmission of the data packet from source to destination.

4. Routing Mechanism

4.1 Route Discovery

The source node broadcast the RREQ request to the destination which contains unique ID. The cluster head are flooded with RREQ request. The gateway nodes receive the request and forward this request to the next cluster head. When N no. of nodes receives on RREQ then it follows: When N gateway nodes are available then it forwards the RREQ request package to the next cluster head C. If N cluster heads are available then it checks whether the destination is 2 hops away from it then it forward the RREQ request, otherwise broadcast it to the other neighboring cluster head.

4.2 Route Reply

When RREQ request packet reaches to the destination then it contains the path called as “Loose Source Route” i.e. [S,C1,C2,...Ck,D].

Destination D sends RREP i.e. Route Reply message to the Source S with “Reverse Loose Source Route” i.e. [D,Ck,...C1,S].

Each time cluster head receives Route Reply Message and compute “Strict Source Route” which then computes shortest path to the destination.

4.3 Route Error Detection

When determining the route, source routing is used for actual packet transmission from source to destination. When next hop is unreachable then it sends Route Error Message (ERR).

4.4 Local Route Repair

Objective:

- a) It is used to increase packet delivery ratio.
- b) It prevents from Route Rediscovery traffic.
- c) Reduce delay for overall route.
- d) The Broken Route can be repair using 2 hop topology & modifies source route.
- e) When modifies the route, destination node sends “Gratuitous Route Reply” message.

5. Features of CBRP

5.1 Advantages:

- a) Minimize route discovery traffic and routing overhead.
- b) Uses “local repair” mechanism to reduce delay and new route discovery traffic.
- c) Increases the packet delivery ratio.

5.2 Disadvantages

- a) When increases cluster size, overhead on packet must be increases.
- b) The transmission time increases when cluster size increases.
- c) Communication complexity is increased.

6. Conclusion

Ad hoc network plays critical role in wireless connection network than wired network. The CBRP is a robust and scalable routing protocol. CBRP provides better efficiency. The simplification for addressing is providing in CBRP. Stability and Localization is providing to the network. The CBRP Update and Maintain the information that stored in the cluster. Allows the application to define the own clustering objectives in network. In CBRP limited energy consumption can be done. Balance the traffic in clustering.

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