

Quality of Service Aware Reverse Path Ad-Hoc On-Demand Distance Vector Protocol

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ABSTRACT

Mobile Ad-hoc Network (MANET) is an infrastructureless network that does not require any built-in infrastructure and central control. Due to very fast mobility of nodes, there will be drastic changes in the network topology. So an adaptive routing protocol is needed for effective and reliable routing in MANET. Ad-hoc On-demand Distance Vector (AODV) routing protocol is the efficient and prominent routing protocol which may satisfy the above said issue. While making routing process in traditional AODV, only one route information will be sent as reply in the reverse path. This reply from the destination may be lost due to fast mobility of nodes which in turn leads to the retransmission of route request packets to establish routes. The main cause of this problem is increased communication delay and reduction of several QoS metrics. The main goal of the new Novel QoS aware reliable routing algorithm is to send multiple route replies and establishes reliable data transmission between source and destination. The new NQARR-AODV protocol establishes paths on-request using a reliable reverse path establishment method. During path establishment phase, the source node first sends the route requests through all available paths to the destination. The destination node, upon receiving the path requests, in turn rebroadcasts the reverse path requests as like sender node has done. Upon receiving the multiple route replies from the destination, a path with high reliability is chosen by the source node using the three parameters, the MAC overhead, the Eminence of Link, node residual energy. NQARR-AODV path establishment method works well and requires only minimum steps. It also provides high energy efficiency and load balancing thus prolongs the network life time and makes up high reliability communications. The experimental values prove that the NQARR-AODV algorithm is more reliable and stable and outperforms AODV by reducing energy consumption, overhead and delay. Also NQARR-AODV gains a better ratio of packets delivered than that of normal AODV. In our proposed NQARR-AODV protocol, the source node can find QoS aware reliable route to the destination.

Keywords: Mobile Ad Hoc Networks (MANETs), Ad-hoc On-Demand Distance Vector (AODV), Routing Protocol, Reverse AODV, Quality of Service (QoS)

1. INTRODUCTION

A MANET is a multi-hop wireless network which does not require any basic infrastructure. Due to very high mobility of nodes, the topology of the network changes drastically which make the routing process more difficult and crucial (Yen *et al.*, 2010; Saleem *et al.*, 2010a). Many routing protocols are available for

MANETs. There are two types of routing algorithms. One is Proactive routing algorithm (table driven) and reactive routing algorithm (On-demand) (Abusalah *et al.*, 2008; Zhang and Anpalagan, 2010).

In proactive routing algorithm, the routing information needs to be exchanged between nodes at regular intervals and the routes are calculated whether the routes are needed or not. The main disadvantage of this

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method is the wastage of network resources (Verma *et al.*, 2010; Hou *et al.*, 2012). In on-demand routing algorithms, the nodes need not exchange routing information between them. The nodes find paths only when they are needed for data transfer.

The very fast mobility of nodes leads to the unstable links between nodes. The unstable links may cause the loss of data packets as route reply control messages. The path establishment process has to be carried out several times by the source node (Papageorgiou *et al.*, 2008; Farooq, 2009). The loss of route reply messages are not handled well by the available on-demand routing algorithms which leads to the reduction of network performance (Huang *et al.*, 2008; Hou *et al.*, 2012).

While establishing only shortest route between source and destination, the poor utilization of network resources is unavoidable. In order to maximize the usage of network usage, routing of network must find routes with high stability and sufficient energy level (Chen *et al.*, 2008; Madan *et al.*, 2009; Saleem *et al.*, 2010b).

The main aim of the proposed protocol Novel QoS aware reliable routing protocol is to send multiple route replies and establishes data transmission between source and destination and achieves high reliability, stability, low latency and outperforms AODV by reducing energy consumption, overhead and delay (Lim *et al.*, 2009; Zhang *et al.*, 2009).

Our proposed NQARR routing algorithm works well and requires only minimum steps for path establishment. In order to select a reliable route, proposed protocol uses three parameters, the MAC overhead, the Eminence of Link, node residual energy. It also provides high energy efficiency and load balancing thus prolongs the network life time and makes up high reliability communications.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1. NQARR-AODV

2.2. Proposed Routing Protocol

NQARR-AODV is an on-demand multipath QoS Aware Reliable Reverse Path routing protocol for finding routes in MANET.

The new NQARR-AODV protocol establishes paths on-request using a reliable reverse path establishment method. During path establishment phase, the source node first sends the route requests through all available paths to the destination. The destination node upon receiving the path requests, in turn rebroadcasts the reverse path requests as like sender node has done. Upon receiving the multiple route replies from the destination, a path with high reliability is chosen by the source node

using the three parameters, the MAC overhead, the Eminence of Link, node residual energy. NQARR-AODV path establishment method works well and requires only minimum steps. It also provides high energy efficiency and load balancing thus prolongs the network life time and makes up high reliability communications. After the link establishment, the source node will issue command to put the neighbouring nodes in sleep state; hence the node remaining energy will expand for long period.

2.3. MAC Contention and Overhead Estimation

The parameters Request-for-Sending (RS), Clear-for-Sending (CS) and Acknowledge-for-Data (ACKD), Space Between Frames (SBF) which is the time gap between the transmission of two consecutive packets are used to calculate the Channel workload:

$$CW = tRS + tCS + tSBF \quad (1)$$

The MAC contention value calculated using Eq. 1 is used to calculate the MAC overhead MOH as follows:

$$MOH = CW + tac \quad (2)$$

where, tac is the amount of time consumed by the contention of access.

2.4. Estimation of Link-Eminence

The link eminence is computed at the physical layer and will be used and accessed at the top layers for routing. The estimation of link eminence for the neighbouring nodes is discussed here. In the physical layer the measured link eminence value is reassigned towards the MAC layer. This assigned value is kept in the neighbouring nodes and is used for optimization when more nodes are in the sending node's transmitting capacity. The link eminence optimizes the routing decisions and improves the capability of the networks.

The IEEE 802.11 is fairly reliable MAC protocol. The link eminence has reached every exposed node; it assumes the fixed utmost transmission power. Each sender node that transmits the Request-for-Sending (RS) packet, attaches its transmissions power details. The receiving node estimates the link eminence received for the freespace propagation model while receiving the RTS packet:

$$LE = (\lambda/3.14 * [D_{sr}] * T_g * T_r \quad (3)$$

where, λ is the wavelength of the transmission carrier, D_{sr} gives the information about how far the source and receiver are from each other, T_g and T_r are variables that depicts the antenna's unity gain.

2.5. Estimation of Residual Energy Level

The energy for one packet delivery relative to the node distance is given as:

$$PTE = c * dst^{\alpha} \quad (4)$$

where, c is the constant value, dst depicts that how far the neighbouring nodes are and the parameter α depends on the physical location. Only less amount of energy is needed for the nearer nodes.

The PTE value calculated using the Eq. 4 is used to calculate the packet transmitting energy as follows Eq. 5:

$$E = \frac{DPS * PTE}{BW} \quad (5)$$

where, DPS is the size of each data packet, PTE is the packet transmitting energy and BW is the bandwidth of the wireless link.

In each and every node, the Required Energy for Transmission is calculated using the following formula:

$$RTE = pkts * (PTE - PPE) \quad (6)$$

here, $pkts$ is the amount of data packets. The Energy needed for Processing Packet (PPE) which is less than the PTE. Node Residual Energy (NRE) is calculated using the following formula:

$$NRE = (IE - TER) \quad (7)$$

where, NRE is the Node Residual Energy, IE is the Initial Energy and TER is the total energy required.

2.6. Route Discovery

The data transmission is initiated by the sender by broadcasting path request packets to all of the neighbouring nodes towards the destination node.

The ID for broadcasting each route request message is incremented. The ID for broadcasting is used to uniquely identify the RREQ packet (Wang and Lee, 2009; Yen *et al.*, 2010). The path request control packet is broadcasted by the source node of the neighbouring nodes. This process is repeated by all the neighbouring nodes. Duplicate copies of the path request may reach the intermediate nodes. In this case, the nodes check for redundancy and drop the redundant packets, if any.

This method is followed for the reverse path request processing also.

Upon the receipt of first route request message, the destination first appends the RREQ packet information to its own routing table and after that the path request is made in reverse and broadcast to all of its neighbours as done previously.

When broadcasted R-RREQ message arrives to intermediate node, it will check for redundancy. If it already received the same message, the message is dropped, otherwise forwards to next nodes.

Upon receiving multiple Reverse Request packets from the destination, the initiator node finds reliable path with the three estimated parameters using the Eq. 2, 3, 6 and 7. They are MAC Overhead, Link Eminence and Node Residual Energy. After estimating the aforesaid parameters the following main parameter for route selection will be carried out using:

$$W = \min \left(\int_{i=1}^{i=mn} LE * \left(\frac{1}{MOH} \right) + RTE \right) \quad (8)$$

The route with the minimum weight value which is calculated using the Eq. 8 is selected as best route and starts data transmission.

3. RESULTS

Extensive simulation experiments were conducted using the simulator Qualnet. The following list shows the simulation environment.

Simulation parameters:

Terrain Dimension:	1500*1500
Number of nodes:	50
Mobility model:	Random way point
Propagation model:	Two-ray Rayleigh fading
MAC protocol:	IEEE 802.11 DCF
Simulation time:	300 sec
Antenna type:	Omni directional
Transmission range(m):	200
Node speed (m/s):	0,5,10,15,20
Traffic type:	CBR
Traffic rate:	10packets/s
Initial Energy:	0.5 Joules

4. DISCUSSION

4.1. Performance Metrics

The performance of NQARR is evaluated against AODV protocol using the following metrics:

- Ratio of Packets Delivered: The ratio between the total packets produced at the source node and the packets delivered to the destination
- End-to-End Delay: The gap time of sending and receiving packets with the inclusion of queue waiting, packet processing time
- Total Energy Consumed: The average amount of energy consumed by every node

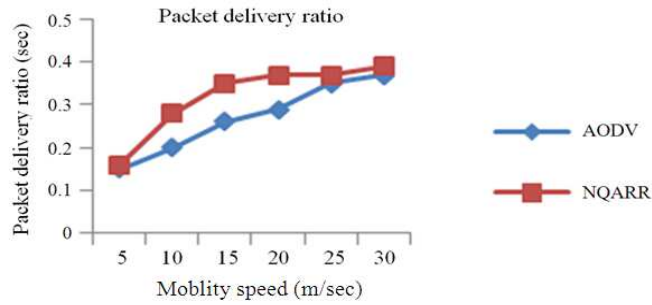


Fig. 1. Ratio of PacketsdeliveredVs mobility speed

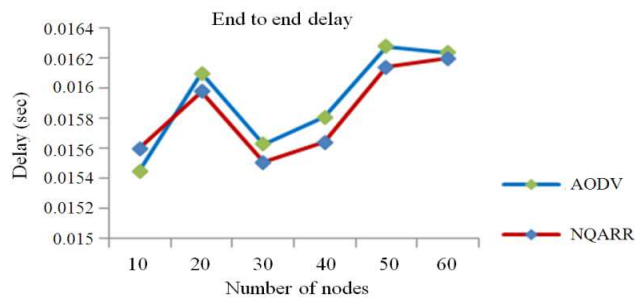


Fig. 2. End to end delay Vs number of nodes

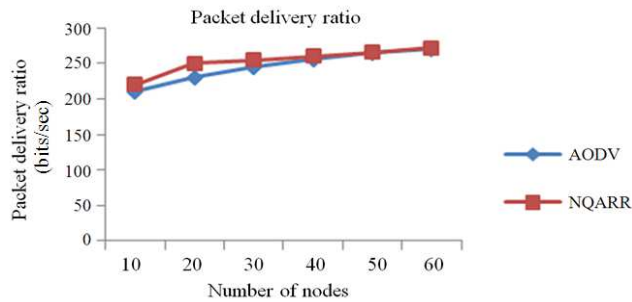


Fig. 3. Ratio of Packets DeliveredVsNumber of Nodes

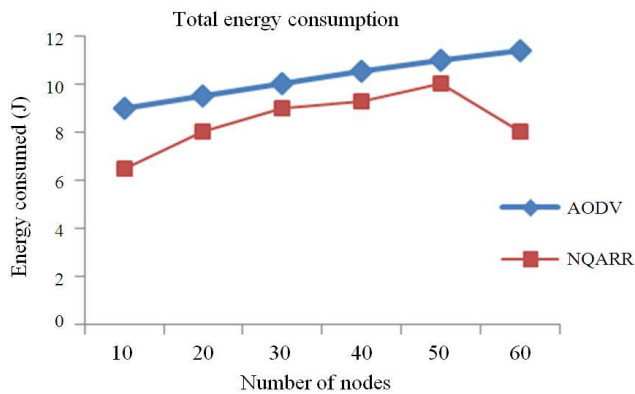


Fig. 4. Number of nodes VsTotal Consumed Energy

The results in **Fig. 1** show that the Ratio of Packets Delivered by the new NQARR algorithm is higher than the traditional AODV in varying mobility speed.

From **Fig. 2** it is proven that the end to end delay of AODV is higher than the proposed protocol.

Figure 3 shows that the achieved packet delivery ratio of proposed NQARR protocol is higher than the traditional AODV.

Regarding Total energy consumption of nodes, **Fig. 4** proves that only lesser energy is consumed while using the proposed NQARR protocol in contrast with the AODV.

5. CONCLUSION

A new Novel QoS Aware reliable reverse Ad-hoc On-Demand Distance Vector routing protocol for MANET has been proposed in this study. The route reply control message in on-demand routing protocol must be delivered correctly. The improper or loss of route reply packets leads to the worse case scenario in the network. In this case, the path establishment process has to be initiated again by the source node. The new algorithm attempts reverse route requests and finds reliable path in minimal steps. In order to select a reliable path, proposed protocol uses three parameters, the MAC overhead, the Eminence of Link, node residual energy. It also provides high energy efficiency and load balancing thus prolongs the network life time and makes up high reliability communications. The experimental values prove that the new scheme works well than AODV in discovering and maintaining routes and outperforms AODV in several qualities such as the ratio of packets delivered, end to end delay and total consumed energy.

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