

ODRS: Optimal Data Replication Scheme for Time Efficiency In MANETs

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Abstract: In mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs), mobile nodes move freely from one place to another place and link/node failures are common. Due to link/node failures leads to frequent network partitions. When network a network partition occurs, mobile nodes in one partition are not able to access data contained in other partition. For this reason the performance of the data access significantly decreased. To avoid such problems data replication scheme proposed to improve the performance of the data access, and hence data availability and query traffic increased and query delay should decrease,also, query rate query delay decreased and hit ratio increased.

Keywords- MANETs, Data Replication, Query delay, Data availability, ODRS, combined access frequency, caching.

I. Introduction

Mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs) have evolved as one of the hot research topic in the wireless communication. There has been a greater change in the wireless technologies, hence the gradual development of mobile devices such as cellular phones, laptops etc. There are two different types of approaches for providing the wireless communication between two mobile nodes. One approach is the centralized administration maintenance or fixed infrastructure and the other one is without fixed infrastructure or infrastructure less communication. An Ad hoc network contains the group of nodes participating in the data communication without fixed infrastructure. Each node in the network act as not only router but also host. A mobile ad hoc network (MANET) is a collection of autonomous wireless nodes that may move unpredictably, forming a temporary network without any fixed backbone infrastructure [1]. In which each node act as end system as well as a router that forwards the data items to desired destination nodes. These nodes are capable of single communication and multi-hop communication.

In a mobile ad hoc network (MANET), data caching is essential as it increases the data availability and improves system performance. The major issue that faces cache management is the maintenance of data consistency. In a MANET, all messages sent between the server and the cache are subject to network delays, so cache consistency algorithms are developed to increase the probability of using data items from the cache. In this each node contains some data items, which is owner of that data items, and stored in a server. Hence data availability should be decreased and nodes query delay, query rate query delay should be increase.

Due to the node mobility there is a frequent topology change in the network, thus routing becomes more challenging. A routing protocol is needed to route the data items or files to the destination through intermediate nodes without packet loss. In MANETs assumed end to end path between source and destination, But in the real world scenario this case is not valid means that routing protocol must handle intermediate nodes connectivity due to absence of end-to-end path. In mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs), nodes move freely from one place to another place, hence link/node failures are common and frequent network partitions occur. When network partition occurs, mobile nodes in one partition are not able to access data contained by nodes in other partitions, and hence decrease the performance of data access.

In this paper, we propose new data replication scheme that provides solutions to data availability, nodes query delay, query rate query delay and hit ratio. As these metrics are important for mobile nodes to improve performance of the system that is data availability decrease, query delay decrease and hit ratio increase. Simulation results show that the proposed scheme can achieve these metrics and provide satisfying system performance.

II. Related Work

Data replication has been studied in the Web environment and distributed systems [6]-[8]. Data replication in web environment, where the goal is to place some replicas of the web servers among a number of possible locations, so that the query delay is reduced. Data replication in distributed database systems, where nodes contain the database are more reliable and less likely to fail/disconnect compared to those in MANETs.

Therefore, a small number of replicas can be used to provide high availability. In [3] *et al.* identified several research issues in data replication in MANET and attempted to classify data replication techniques. Hara [4], [5] proposed data replication schemes for ad hoc networks.

Some other researchers address data access issues in MANETs considering network partitions. In [2] researchers introduced several localized algorithms to detect critical nodes and links for connectivity in MANETs. In [15] addressed the problem of replica allocation in a MANET by exploring group mobility. In [16] proposed schemes to deal with network partitions due to node movement by replicating services in the network, can provide guaranteed service with minimum number of replicated services. Hara [17] proposed several metrics to evaluate the impact of mobility on data availability. In [18] studied solutions for replicating location dependent data in MANETs to handle unreliable network connections. In [19] presented a middleware service that allows collaborative data sharing among ad hoc groups that are dynamically formed according to the network connectivity.

In [10-12] to improve data availability and reduce the query delay by data replication along with caching. We have proposed a cooperative cache based data access framework, which provides the sharing and coordination of cached data among multiple mobile nodes [13]. In this framework, after a node sends a data request to the data owner, the data owner sends the data back. Since the data before reaching the requester, it may go through multi-hops. So that intermediate nodes may cache the data or the path to the data. Later, if some other nodes request for the same data and the intermediate nodes can give the data or the path to the data. Because the number of hops is reduced, also the query delay is reduced. In [14] implementation issues of cooperative cache are further studied, where the query delay can reduce by the proposed solution, there is a limitation on how much they can achieve. Generally, these schemes are passive approaches, because the data is only cached after some nodes start to use it. Further to increase the data availability and reduce the query delay, proactive data replication technique used where nodes actively replicate data.

Issues related to data replication:

Issues related to data replication in MANET are as follows

(i) Power Consumption

All mobile devices in the MANET are battery powered. If a node with less power is replicated with many frequently accessed data items, it soon gets drained and it cannot provide services any more. Thus replication algorithm should replicate data in the nodes that has sufficient power by periodically checking the remaining power of each node.

(ii) Node mobility

Nodes in the MANET are mobile which leads to dynamic topology. Thus replication algorithm has to support mobility prediction such that if a node is likely to move away from the network, its replicas will be replaced in some other nodes which is expected to remain in the network for a particular period of time.

(iii) Resource availability

In MANETs memory capacity is limited only and portable devices are participating. Before sending a replica to the node, the algorithm has to check whether a node has sufficient memory capacity to hold the data or not.

(iv) Response Time

Time is the crucial factor for many of the applications like rescue operations and military operations. Therefore data is accessed from the nearby replicated nodes than from the owner to improve the response time.

(v) Network Partition

If a node is in one partition it cannot provide services to other nodes in different partition. Therefore shared data has to be replicated in all the partitions.

(vi) Replica relocation

This topic addresses issues related to when, where, who and how replicas are allocated. Due to dynamic topology, static allocation of replicas is not possible. So that for data availability improvement replicas should be relocated dynamically improve data availability.

(vii) Consistency Management

If the data shared is read only, performance can be improved. By fully replicating the data in all the nodes, the performance can be improved at that time data shared is read only. Other replicas are invalid when a replica is updated frequently. So cache management mechanism is needed for manage the data consistency in the network.

Our scheme enhances data accessibility by addressing the various issues. Scheme is composed of four main parts are following.

- What data is to replicate?
- Where to replicate data?

- How to access data?
- How to synchronize data?

III. Optimal Data Replication Scheme

In this section explains new data replication scheme to provide increased data availability, reduced query delay and increased hit ratio.

3.1. Basic idea of Optimal Data Replication

Basic idea of optimal data replication as follows.

In MENETs mobile nodes share data from multiple nodes collaboratively. Each node creates replicas of the data item and maintains replicas in its memory space. During data replication, to determine the allocation of replicas there is no central server and the data allocation in a distributed manner determine by the mobile nodes. Its decision to replicate data items is taken not only at the time of detecting network partitioning, but also during the time when the wireless connections become bad in terms of reliability, bandwidth and delay.

The MANETs topology can be represented as an undirected graph $G(V, E)$ where V is the set of vertices, which represents the mobile nodes in the network, and E is the set of edges in the graph, which represents the physical or logical links between the mobile nodes. When two nodes are connected by an edge in the graph, then they can communicate directly with each other. Let assume N denotes a network which contains m mobile nodes, N_1, N_2, \dots, N_m and let D denote a collection of n data items, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n distributed in the network. For each pair of mobile nodes N_i and N_j , let td_{ij} denotes the time delay for transmitting a data item of unit-size between each pair of nodes. Let fl_{ij} represented link failure probability between node N_i and node N_j , which is equal to fl_{ji} represents symmetric link. The network partitions occur when node/link failed. If any queries generated during network partition may fail because the requested data items are not available in the partition to which the requester belongs. Each node maintains some amount of data locally such node is called the original owner of the data. There is only one original owner for each data item. To improve the data availability, these data items may be replicated to other nodes. Each node has limited memory size, so that each node can contain $(C_m < n)$ replicas only along with its original data items.

3.2. Notations used in Optimal Data Replication

In optimal data replication following notations are used.

N : indicates the set of mobile nodes in the network.

N_m : indicates the total number of mobile nodes.

D : represents the set of data items presented in the network.

D_n : the total number of data items.

S_i : data item d_i size

C_m : the memory size of each mobile node for containing data replicas.

td : indicates the time delay taken for transmitting a data item of unit size between node N_i and N_j .

fl : indicates between node N_i and N_j link failure probability

daf : which denotes data access frequency between node N_i to data item d_j

3.3. Optimal Data Replication using Combined Access Frequency Function

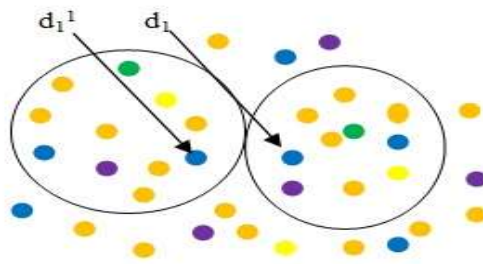


Fig 1: Optimal data replication

The above figure shows optimal data replication where Green color nodes indicates data items of that node is in cache.

Node with orange color indicates node sending query (data items) to server. Here server used for maintaining data items information.

Blue color nodes represent data replicated nodes

Node with purple color indicates forwarding data items to appropriate requester through single hop or multi-hops.

Node with yellow color indicates data item not in the cache memory

In this scheme, each mobile node cooperates with at most one neighbor only to decide which data to replicate. If two nodes N_i and N_j are neighboring nodes. Node N_i calculates the combined access frequency to data item d_k of node N_i and node N_j at node N_i denoted as Caf_i , by using the function as follows

$$Caf_{ij} = (daf_{ik} + daf_{jk} \times (1 - fl_{ij})) / S_i \quad (1)$$

In the same manner node N_j calculates combined access frequency of it and to data item d_k using the function as follows

$$Caf_{ji} = (daf_{jk} + daf_{ik} \times (1 - fl_{ij})) / S_j \quad (2)$$

Based on Caf value data availability considered between neighboring nodes. If the node N_i neighboring node is N_j , which contain already replicated the data, so that no need to replicate the data. If the link failure probability between node N_i and node N_j is low, then node N_i is less likely to replicate this data item, because from node N_j it can always get the data item. If the link failure probability is high, and hence node N_i may like to replicate the data locally, Therefore, we define a priority value for node N_i to replicate data d_k , it given its neighboring node N_j . The priority value denoted as P_{ij}^k by using the function as follows

$$P_{ij}^k = Caf_{ij}^k \times W_{ij}^k \quad (3)$$

Where W_{ij}^k indicates the impact on data availability by the neighboring node and the link failure probability.

The W_{ij}^k value is computed as follows:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} W_{ij}^k &= fl && \text{if data } d_k \text{ is replicated at } N_i; \\ &= 1 && \text{if data } d_k \text{ is not replicated at } N_j; \end{aligned} \right\} (4)$$

Each node sorts the data according to the priority value P and takes data items with the highest P to replicate in its memory until no more data items can be replicated.

The P value function is designed based on the following considerations

- To improve data availability it considers the access frequency from a neighboring node;
- It considers the data size, the data item with smaller size is given higher priority for replicating because this can improve the performance while reducing memory space;
- It gives high priority to local data access, and hence the interested data should be replicated locally to improve data availability and reduce query delay;
- It also considers link quality like link is stable or not and from the neighboring node the impact of data availability. Thus, if the link between two neighboring nodes is stable, they can have more cooperation in data replication.

According to Optimal data replication scheme, it is possible. Due to the network partitions, node N_i is separated from nodes and it host data item d_j . In this case, selects the next best data item according to the replication scheme.

3.4. Optimal Data replication Scheme

- 1) for store the sorted values, initiate an array **sort**;
- 2) call the sorting procedure, if **sort=Sort ()**; (i.e start data replication }
- 3) mark all the nodes as "black";
- 4) **for** ($i=1$ to N_m) **do**
- 5) idl = current node id;
- 6) **if** N_{idl} is "blue" **then**
- 7) do nothing and continue to the next node;
- 8) **end if**
- 9) find out the smallest id ($id2 > id1$) among all the "black" neighbors of N_{idl} ;
- 10) **If** $id2$ exists **then**
- 11) calculate all the P values separately for N_{idl} and;
- 12) these 2 sets of P values sort and store them in two arrays $A1$ and $A2$;
- 13) get data from array $A1$ from maximum to minimum and fill them into N_{idl} 's memory until full;

- 14) get data from array A_2 from maximum to minimum and fill them into N_{id_2} 's memory until full;
 - 15) mark N_{id_1} and N_{id_2} as "blue";
 - 16) **else**
 - 17) do nothing and continue to the next node;
 - 18) **end if**
 - 19) **end for** { process remaining nodes i.e nodes which can't find a "black" neighbor}
 - 20) **while** "black" nodes exist **do**
 - 21) allocate its own most interested data from **sort** to its memory;
 - 22) **end while**
- ❖ At the beginning All nodes are marked as "Black" , which means that no one has done the allocation process . These nodes broadcast their *ids* and their access frequency for each data item.
 - ❖ Among the Black nodes, the node which has the smallest *id* among its neighboring Black nodes starts the following process. It sends an invitation to the neighboring Black node with which it has the lowest link failure probability. If the neighbor only receives one such invitation, these two neighboring nodes calculate the *P* values and each node allocates data items with the highest *P* values until it cannot accommodate more data items. Then both nodes are marked as "black" and no longer participate the replication process until the next allocation period.
 - ❖ Two or more nodes may start the process at the same time. As long as they do not pick the same node as the most reliable neighbor, they can allocate their replicas at the same time. Otherwise, the node picked by more than one neighbor only accepts the invitation from the node with the lowest id. All other inviting nodes have to select another neighbor again.
 - ❖ If all neighbors of a Black node are black nodes, which mean that this Black node cannot find any neighbor to cooperate in the allocation process, it only allocates its own most interested data items to its memory.
- Node N_i should host d_j but N_i is separated from nodes that have d_j because of network partitions. In this situation, N_i selects the next data item according to the replication scheme.

IV. Performance Evaluation

In this section, we evaluate the performance of the proposed scheme through simulations. It has been implemented in ns-2 simulator [20] using Random way point mobility model. Basic simulation parameters are summarized in table 1.

TABLE 1: Basic simulation parameters

Parameter	Ns-2 value	range
Reconnaissance area	2000×2000m	-
Number of nodes N_m	80	100,300,500
Memory size C	20	-
Radio range R	100m	50m-300m
β	0.8	0.7-1.0

4.1. Simulation setup

Beginnings of the simulation 80 nodes are placed in 2000m × 2000m area randomly. The radio range is set to be 100 and memory size set to 200. Two nodes communicated with each other when two nodes node N_i and node N_j are within the radio range (i.e. $(i, j) < 100$). So that the communication link between those nodes may be fail, and hence the link failure probability f_{ij} is defined as follows .

$$f_{ij} = ((i,j) / D) 2 \cdot \beta \tag{5}$$

β is used to adjust f_{ij} to a more reasonable value.. The proposed scheme does not depend on the failure model in Equation (5) and they are able to work as long as the failure probability between neighboring nodes can be estimated. The number of data items N_m is set to be the number of mobile nodes N_m [9]. Data item d_i is original owner is for all $i \in [1, N_m]$. The data item size is uniformly distributed n S_{min} and S_{max} . Memory size of each node is C .

Two patterns of access are used in the simulation..

- ❖ All nodes follow the Zipf-like access pattern, but different nodes have different hot data items. By selecting an offset value randomly for each node N_i $offset_i$, which is between 1 and $n-1$, this can be done. In this access pattern the most frequently accessed data item is moved to be $offset_i$ instead of 1; the second frequently data accessed data item is $offset_i+1$ instead of 2, and so on
 - ❖ All nodes have the same access pattern and they have the same access probability to the same data item.
- In order to avoid routing cycles on the query path, a maximal hop count is used to limit the number of hops for each query.

The performance metrics used in the simulation are mainly data availability, query delay and hit ratio. The amount of query traffic is also evaluated to show the protocol overhead. Here, the amount of query traffic can also be used as a metric of system power consumption. This is because in wireless communication, data transmission is the key factor affecting the system power consumption compared to other factors such as disk or CPU operations [9]. Therefore, if there is more query traffic, more energy consumption is expected. If one replication scheme generates less traffic, it is more power efficient. When a query for data item d_k is generated by node N_i , if d_k can found locally, or at that node that is reachable through single hop or multi-hops. So that this access is considered successful..The query delay is the number of hops taken from node N_i to the nearest node that has data item d_k multiplied by the data size, and hence the query traffic is defined as all messages involved processing the query. If data item d_k is in the N_k local memory, and hence both the query delay and query traffic are zero (0).

4.2.Simulation results

Effects of number of nodes in the networks:

The number of nodes in the network indicates the node density of the network. When the number of nodes increases, the density of the network increases and it becomes better connected and the data availability increases. As the number of nodes increases, nodes have more opportunities to get the data from their neighboring nodes, and proposed scheme has performance improvements in terms of data availability as expected. Figure 2(b) and 2(c) shows the effects of number of nodes with query delay and hit ratio.

Effects of query rate:

When the number of nodes increase, the data availability increased and the query rate is expected to increased.Figures.2 (a) shows that Query delay decrease as query rate decreases. When the query rate increased, the query delay also be increases.

Effects of query delay:

We evaluate the system performance when the query delays changes. As query delay decreases, data can be contained by a node and the data availability increases. Similarly, more data can be found locally, hence the query delay and query traffic decrease. Figure 2(a) shows the effects of query delay with query rate.

Effects of hit ratio:

When the number of nodes increases, Due to data replication more nodes contains data and the hit ratio should be decreased. Figure 2(b) shows the effects of the hit ratio, when the number of nodes increased.

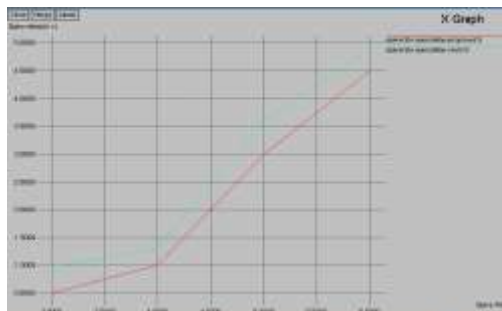


Fig.2(a) query rate with query delay

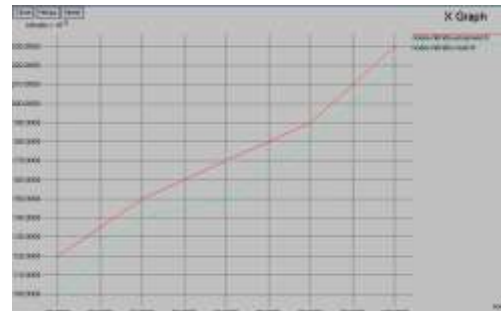


Fig.2(b) nodes with hit ratio

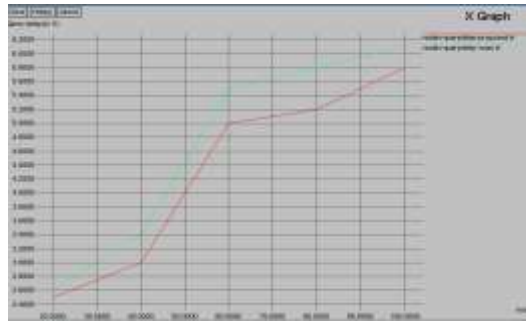


Fig.2(c) nodes with query delay

V. Conclusion and Future Work

In MANETs, data replication done to improve data availability, reduce query delay and increase hit ratio. Due to link failure, network partitions occur, as data saved at other nodes may not be accessible. So data replication is used to improve data availability and hit ratio and reduce query delay. In this paper, we proposed an optimized data replication scheme that efficiently improved data availability, reduced the query delay and increased the hit ratio. In this scheme, each mobile node only cooperates with at most one neighbor to decide which data to replicate.

In future work, we also include the relationship among different data items; the data update issue, and the data discovery issue. Data semantics can be used to improve the performance of queries and hence we can apply semantic-based techniques to further improve the performance to extend the proposed scheme to handle data updates, data consistency, or data discovery issues.

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