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ABSTRACT

Mobile Ad-Hoc Networks (MANET), known as dynamically reconfigurable networks, have no centralized control. MANET facilitates reliable communication between crew and fighters involved in uncertain situations and between central command crew and fighters. Routing is the search for a suitable route for communication, especially in disaster situations. MANET is the appropriate ad-hoc network to handle disaster situations due to its effectiveness and cost for the areas where fixed infrastructure was unavailable. There are many challenges in MANET related to the routing criteria of routing protocols. MANET suffered from two major issues when applied for data communication. The first drawback is a failure in the dynamic nature of nodes and instability, and the second is rapid change in the topology due to their mobility. The main reason behind the loss is a disaster that disturbs the normal execution of functionality. MANET still has route discovery issues because their communication between nodes is highly concerned. The cause behind this drawback is a route disconnection from source to destination, making the topology of nodes highly dynamic, especially in disaster management. Therefore, in this research, an improved hybrid approach (IHRP) that combines proactive and reactive routing protocols is suggested for these issues through quick network convergence in terms of speed and network density with the help of MANET services. The improved hybrid approach reduces route discovery and link breakage between highly mobilized nodes during disaster management. For this purpose, qualitative research methodology focuses on interpretation situations as well as the dedication to a case-based scenario is used in experiment 1 and experiment 2 that is related to the speed and network density in the research work towards helping the members of the community of practice (CoP) to utilize MANET services. The contrasting results between the IHRP and existing protocols indicate that the IHRP outperforms and increases from 9% to 12%.

ABSTRAK

Rangkaian Ad-Hoc Mudah Alih (MANET), dikenali sebagai rangkaian boleh dikonfigurasi semula secara dinamik, tidak mempunyai kawalan terpusat. MANET memudahkan komunikasi yang boleh dipercayai antara krew dan pejuang yang terlibat dalam situasi yang tidak menentu dan antara krew arahan pusat dan pejuang. Penghalaan ialah pencarian laluan yang sesuai untuk komunikasi, terutamanya dalam situasi bencana. MANET ialah rangkaian ad-hoc yang sesuai untuk mengendalikan situasi bencana kerana keberkesanan dan kosnya untuk kawasan di mana infrastruktur tetap tidak tersedia. Terdapat banyak cabaran dalam MANET berkaitan dengan kriteria penghalaan protokol penghalaan. MANET mengalami dua isu utama apabila digunakan untuk komunikasi data. Kelemahan pertama ialah kegagalan dalam sifat dinamik nod dan ketidakstabilan, dan yang kedua ialah perubahan pesat dalam topologi disebabkan oleh mobiliti mereka. Sebab utama di sebalik kerugian adalah bencana yang mengganggu pelaksanaan fungsi biasa. MANET masih mempunyai isu penemuan laluan kerana komunikasi mereka antara nod sangat mengambil berat. Punca di sebalik kelemahan ini ialah pemutusan laluan dari sumber ke destinasi, menjadikan topologi nod sangat dinamik, terutamanya dalam pengurusan bencana. Oleh itu, dalam penyelidikan ini, pendekatan hibrid (IHRP) yang dipertingkatkan yang menggabungkan protokol penghalaan proaktif dan reaktif dicadangkan untuk isu-isu ini melalui penumpuan rangkaian pantas dari segi kelajuan dan kepadatan rangkaian dengan bantuan perkhidmatan MANET. Pendekatan hibrid yang dipertingkatkan mengurangkan penemuan laluan dan pemecahan pautan antara nod yang sangat digerakkan semasa pengurusan bencana. Untuk tujuan ini, metodologi penyelidikan kualitatif memfokuskan pada situasi tafsiran serta dedikasi kepada senario berasaskan kes digunakan dalam eksperimen 1 dan eksperimen 2 yang berkaitan dengan kelajuan dan ketumpatan rangkaian dalam kerja penyelidikan ke arah membantu ahli komuniti amalan (CoP) untuk menggunakan perkhidmatan MANET. Keputusan yang berbeza antara IHRP dan protokol sedia ada menunjukkan bahawa IHRP mengatasi prestasi dan meningkat daripada 9% kepada 12%.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

WSN	-	Wireless Sensor Network
MANET	-	Mobile Ad Hoc Network
PDR	-	Packet Delivery Ratio
AODV	-	Ad Hoc on Demand Vector
AOMDV	-	Ad Hoc On-Demand Multiple Path Distance
DSR	-	Vector Dynamic Source Routing
TORA	-	Temporary Ordering Routing Algorithms
ABR	-	Associativity Based Routing
DSDV	-	Destination Sequenced Distance Vector
LSR	-	Link State Routing
OLSR	-	Optimized Link State Routing
ZRP	-	Zone Routing Protocol
MPR	-	Multi-Point Relay
LR	-	Literature Review
VANET	-	Vehicle Ad Hoc Network
WTS	-	Wireless Telecommunications Symposium
LAN	-	Local Area Network
WAN	-	Wide Area Network
ECC	-	Elliptic Curve Cryptographic
RREQ	-	Route Request Packet
RERR	-	Route Error Packets
TCP	-	Transmission Control Protocol
FTP	-	File Transfer Protocol
UDP	-	User Datagram Protocol Hypertext Transfer
HTTP	-	Protocol
OTCL	-	Object-Oriented Tool Command Language
RREP	-	Route Reply
ZHLS	-	Zone-Based Hierarchical Link State
IHRP	-	Improved Hybrid Routing Protocol

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Research background

Mobile Ad-Hoc Network (MANET) is self-organized without a wireless network (Naik *et al.*, 2019). In MANET, each node communicates arbitrarily without any direction (Nayar, 2018). The dynamic nature of nodes is more adaptable for military and natural disaster applications (Rishiwal *et al.*, 2016) due to unpredictable, rapid changes in the topology of nodes. MANET is a wireless sensor network (WSN). This network is known as a self-configured and self-governing network. All the activities, such as topology, discovery, and link breakage of the route, for packet delivery are governed by nodes themselves. This renders the routing function inconvenient in mobile nodes, especially in disaster scenarios. In MANET, nodes act as routers moving randomly and chaotically managing themselves due to uncertain changes in topology. Here, mobile nodes directly communicate with other nodes within the radio range and the remote nodes through the intermediate nodes. Therefore, this network can work anywhere without any supplementary infrastructure, due to which it is known as an ad-hoc network.

Routing is a mechanism of path selection and sending data. This approach is used to interchange information between nodes about their topology, link breakage, and routing algorithm for the path of the network. After discovering the route between sources towards the destination, the next level is preserving the route with a data packet towards the destination. In terms of link breakage, maintenance is a reliable and efficient route for exchanging information, as nodes move freely without any fixed position in MANET. Therefore, if any link breaks down due to any situation during communication, the source node again starts the route discovery procedure to find new

paths towards the destination.

A disaster is a sudden event that can transform the functionality of the whole environment. Early warning is more beneficial in disaster management. Early warning is more useful than late in disaster management and damage treatment. Apart from natural disasters, some others include industrial chemical disasters. Communication through information technology has gradually improved disaster management. Huge disaster-relevant data is being generated. Through simulation exploring critical infrastructures, executable plans are being flourished by the government and other organizations. The wireless sensor systems provide related information. The different communication channels like social media have been flooded with disaster information. Routing has major rolling disaster management. Current routing protocols are diversified and provide weak integration capabilities in disaster management. The scenario is due to their weakness of some routing protocols choosing the path from the source towards the destination. However, the reliability of the path during data transfer might not always be efficient or consume more time during route discovery link breakage, especially in disaster management. This is the situation when the functionality of the whole environment is disturbed.

During the disaster management, mobility and topology issues of nodes lead to a problem of route discovery of efficient path. Figure 1.1 describes various network disasters. This problem transfers available information more effectively through a robust routing approach, leading to an improved routing approach. This approach supports route discovery and link breakage mainly for normal to disaster management. Performance metrics for this research are packet delivery ratio, end-to-end delay, routing load or overhead, and throughput. The occurrence of disaster left a highly violent situation in the country. Complete prevention of any disaster is beyond the potential of individual capabilities. However, the participation of technology and communication-based systems through routing protocols is a panacea for disaster management.

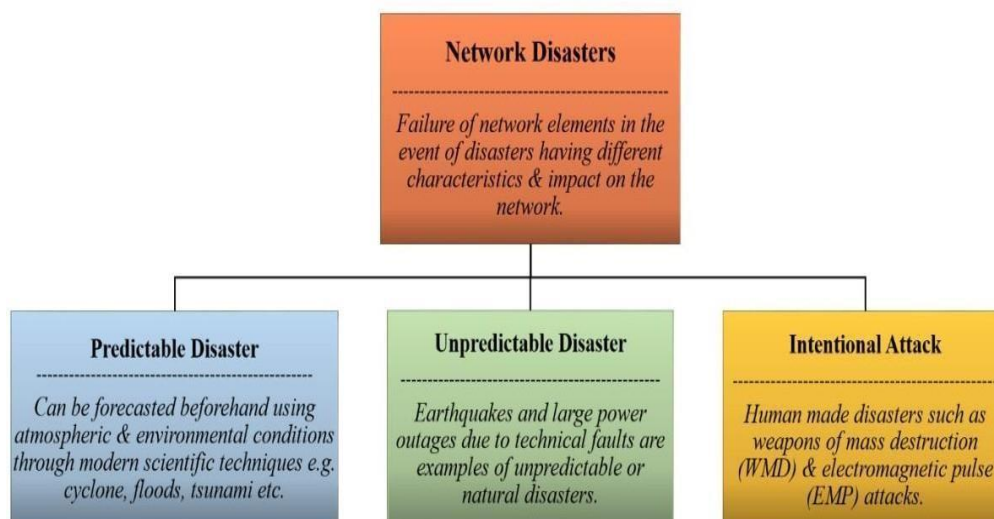


Figure 1.1: Types of network disaster (Alazzam *et al.*, 2020)

Although, MANET is one of the most effective parts of networking and has been applied for solving various kinds of disaster issues. Many previous researchers have solved MANET's routing discovery and link breakage issues. However, there are still some gaps associated with standard MANET, and there is much work needed to improve the existing MANET in terms of route discovery and link breakage.

This research aims to set the routing protocols of the existing MANET structure to improve route discovery and link breakage. Proactive routing protocols are table-driven routing protocols that continuously maintain information through the network. In contrast, reactive routing protocols are link-state that keep information on demand. Disaster management reduces in performance metrics like packet delivery ratio, end-to-end delay, throughput, and routing load or overhead from normal to disaster management (Narayana *et al.*, 2018). Secondly, the improved hybrid approach performed well in the simulation environment in terms of network convergence to improve the route discovery procedure and link breakage. Finally, this research reduces route discovery and link breakage issues between highly mobilized nodes during disaster management (Trivedi *et al.*, 2020). The first part elucidates the thesis's mobile ad-hoc network (MANET) and disaster. Routing protocols provide a way of communication in MANET.

routing protocols are categorized as proactive, reactive, and hybrid approaches that combine both proactive and reactive approaches (Waseem *et al.*, 2020) are illustrated in the section of the literature review Section 2.5. MANET has a major role in circumstances where the setting up of infrastructure is quite difficult. Typical main challenges of disaster managements are as follows (Sahoo *et al.*, 2018; Satijadi *et al.*, 2018):

- i. Link breakage and route discovery of the route
- ii. Defense of soldiers
- iii. Health care, heat, wind, rain, artificial situations
- iv. Accidents (Haglan *et al.*, 2021).

This study establishes an improvement in route discovery and link breakage procedure without communication breakage using either unicast or multipath. Table 1.1 presents the network damages caused by the recent disaster (Wareen *et al.*, 2020).

Table 1.1: Network damages caused by recent disaster

Year	Nature of Disaster	Damage & Network Availability	Reference
2017	ico Earthquake of magnitude 7.1	355 people were killed, 6100 were injured, and nearly 444,000 buildings, including telecom infrastructure, were destroyed.	https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/mexico_eq_fs05_09-29-2017.pdf
2015	Earthquake-affected the Rural Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Infrastructure and Services in Nepal	Collapsing of the houses, schools, ICT access centers, BTS, transmission towers, fiber backhaul, microwave links were damaged.	http://seismonepal.gov.np/ (B. R. Dawadi and Shakya <i>et al.</i> , 2016)
2011	The Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami's main shocks and aftershocks	The primary shock affected 1,500 telecom buildings, and 700 telecom buildings had power outages, disrupting connectivity between some segments of the traffic flow.	(Adachi <i>et al.</i> , 2011)

The magnitude-9 earthquake and resulting tsunami in March 2011 off the coast of Japan that savaged the Fukushima nuclear power plant also damaged about half of

the existing transpacific communication (Zarei *et al.*, 2015). Fortunately, the other half of the communication was undamaged, so network operators could reroute traffic to minimize complete outages. A more recent incident of an earthquake of magnitude 7.1 struck central Mexico on 19 September 2017, caused 355 fatalities, 6100 injuries, and collapsed nearly 44000 buildings, including telecom infrastructure. Some network interruptions appear to be intentional attacks, the motivations of which are hard to observe (Zhao *et al.*, 2019). A later occurrence, including three men associated with scuba diving to cut off the undersea communication at the bank of Egypt, happened in March 2013. Many specialists feel that deliberate damage to communications is unrealistic or impossible; however, ad-hoc wireless networks have the potential for serious interruptions, causing network providers to search for efficient paths to connect the continents. (Zhong *et al.*, 2018).

1.2 Problem statement

The main concept of mobile ad-hoc networks (MANET) has been widely implemented in recent years. It provides efficient communication and packet delivery services in all telecom areas or special situations. These genres include accident, flood, earthquake, heat, windstorm, fire, and man-created situations. MANET Due to the self-organized nature of nodes, MANET is categorized into two routing areas: route discovery and link breakage of the network (Rathi & Thaneeghaivel, 2021). Routing protocols are rules that describe how data is transmitted throughout the network. The working criterion of routing protocol for route discovery and link breakage regarding packet delivery is highly dynamic in MANET. Because mobility plays a prime role in MANET, the topology of nodes becomes highly dynamic (Yang *et al.*, 2017). This situation leads to the disconnection of routes from source to destination. Several approaches have been proposed, and techniques have been developed to handle the disaster. However, all of these techniques suffer from different types of drawbacks like link breakage, route discovery, bandwidth, lateness, and scalability. Therefore, much work needs to be done in this situation in terms of route discovery and link breakage to develop an improved approach, especially for solving disaster management in MANET (Zafar *et al.*, 2017).

The network performance is degraded by the frequent breakage of links during disaster management, which creates a breakage of communication between established

paths from source to destination. The routing protocol performs route discovery, which consumes many network resources and severely affects network performance (Khan *et al.*, 2020). The routing protocol performs route discovery, which consumes many network resources and severely impacts on network performance. Proactive and reactive protocols and a hybrid approach that combines proactive and reactive routing protocols (wang *et al.*, 2018) are already in place. The process of rebroadcasting is, also known as flooding, represent the flow of traffic, and it is the primary cause of increased route request known as route request RREQ message retransmission in the network; as a result, due to their pre-set path, it causes high network congestion in terms of link breakage and major network performance loss (Yegireddi *et al.*, 2016).

On the other hand, existing hybrid protocols concentrate less on such problems, where new routes have a high latency rate (Sahu *et al.*, 2021). Existing hybrid protocols like ZRP, ZHLS, on the other hand, still requires a high Quality of Service to properly support networking applications for route discovery and link breakage, particularly in disaster management (Wadhvani *et al.*, 2020). Discovering a route in the existing hybrid approach create issues of lateness, overlapping, high traffic, and disconnection between sources to destination nodes serves as motivation for an improved hybrid technique for route discovery and link breakage in disaster management. An improved hybrid approach selects an improved route that reduces the number of route re-discovery and link breakage procedures and ultimately improves network performance (Veeraiah *et al.*, 2021).

1.3 Research objectives

This research focuses on discovering efficient routes and minimum link breakage in MANET from the source towards destination during normal to disaster managements regarding variation in speed and direction. This research also seeks to find network routing criteria to improve route discovery and link breakage.

In order to resolve issues associated with MANET, the following objectives have been set to achieve performance from the improved work:

- i. To analyze the criteria used in designing routing protocol for a mobile ad-hoc network to reduce route link breakage during disaster managements.
- ii. To improve a hybrid approach concerning criteria in (i), integrate the link breakage, and improved route discovery mechanisms based on reactive and

proactive routing protocols.

- iii. To evaluate and compare the performance of the improved approach regarding performance metrics. These metrics include packet delivery ratio, end-to-end delay, throughput, routing, or load or overhead through simulation.

1.4 Research scope

The prime objective of the research was to analyze, improve, implement, and evaluate the improved approach in MANET for route discovery and link breakage, from normal to disaster management. Data sets taken for this purpose are from real-time scenarios like a flood, earthquake, fire, and accident examined under the normal and the disaster conditions. To evaluate the improved approach through discrete network simulator NS-2 (Roshan et al., 2019), specialized for network problems, were tested on datasets. NS-2 is a discrete event simulator for researchers around the networks, and these network conditions are altered according to the scenarios. These datasets are taken from reality-based scenarios regarding normal to disaster performance metrics (Sharmin *et al.*, 2019). The routing protocols, including ad-hoc on-demand distance vector (AODV), ad-hoc on-demand multipath distance vector (AOMDV), and optical link-state routing (OLSR), were adopted to be hybrid due to their different routing strategies (Vigneshwaran *et al.*, 2015). The AODV unicast routing protocol opted for the successor to Dynamic Source Routing protocol DSR. AOMDV was taken as the successor of AODV. Multiple paths and OLSR were chosen as the successors of link-state routing for Multipoint Relay (MPRs) nodes (Verma *et al.*, 2015). There are some desirable features or factors of this thesis that need to be addressed with the support of the network simulator environment. Those features or simulated factors could be the heavy load noise, accident and high temperature, flood, earthquake, and accident and fire in the MANET (Shirke *et al.*, 2016). These aid concrete performances than the normal disaster through increment in speed as performance measurement. Another limitation is that these under investigation protocols are quite a minimum outdated.

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