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1 Preface

The first part of the document describes the reasoning which led us to the construction of the current form of the QSPN v2. If you are just interested in the description of the QSPN v1 and v2 and you already know the concept of

2.3 The QSPN

Netsukuku implements its own algorithm, the *QSPN* (

4.2 Proprieties of the tracer packet

1. A node D which received a TP, can know the exact route covered by the TP. Therefore, D can know the route to reach the source node S , which sent the TP, and the routes to reach the nodes standing in the middle of the route.

For example, suppose that the TP received by D is: $\{S, A, B, C, D\}$. By looking at the packet D will know that the route to reach B is $C \rightarrow B$ to reach A is $C \rightarrow B \rightarrow A$, and finally to reach S is $C \rightarrow B \rightarrow A \rightarrow S$. The same also applies for all the other nodes which received the TP, f.e, B

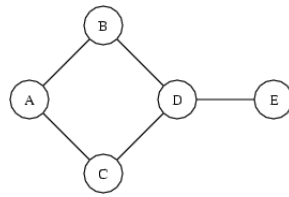


Figure 2: A simple graph with one segment and one cycle

Given this graph as input the algorithm will output:

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      A  B  D  C
      A  B  D  E
      A  C  D  B
      A  C  D  E
      B  A  C  D  E
      B  D      E
    B      E  C
  A  B  D  C      D  C
      D  E  E
    B  D  E
B

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7 Routes

9.1 Interesting information

A node considers a received CTP interesting when its body contains at least a new route, i.e. a route that the node didn't previously know. In other words, if a CTP contains routes already known by the node, it is considered uninteresting.

When a node receives an interesting CTP, it forwards the packet to all its neighbours, excepting the one from which it has received the CTP. If, instead, the CTP is uninteresting, it will drop the packet.

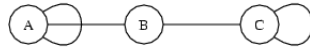
Note that

nodes. This is because an uninteresting CTP contains previously received, memorised and forwarded by the other nodes already know the same routes too.

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9.3 Cyclicity

When a CTP reaches the extremity of a segment, it is back forwarded, thus it's as if the extreme nodes had a link with themselves.



rtt or the bandwidth capacity. If the node has reached the *MaxRoutes* limit, it will substitute the old route with the more efficient one.

Note that this definition is more general than the previous. Indeed, if the node *S* doesn't know the route to reach *D*, the efficiency of the route *S* → *D* is equal to 0.

A node can also keep in memory more than *MaxRoutes* limit applies only to the number of routes which will be used to evaluate the

won't even be able to escape from the subcycle . This also means that all the

called *extreme nodes*. When a node becomes an extreme node, it will send another type of tracer packet, called qspn-open (which is also the name of the second phase)

3. This is a consequence of the propriety described above: every time a node joins the net or dies or its rtt/bw capacity changes, it is possible to immediately send

and now is $t_1(l)$, where $t_0(l) < t_1(l)$, then $t_1(r) := t_0(r) - t_0(l) + t_1(l)$.
 For the bandwidth we have:

$b_0(r)$ the total bandwidth of the route r , before the change
 $b_0(l)$

(b)

It is worth to note that when the bandwidth of a link improves, it isn't possible to update the total bandwidth of a route as in the case of the step 1 of the **worsend link** case. In fact, suppose to have the route

TP 1	TP 2
node X is dead the rem of route X is 40	node X is alive, here it is a route to X the rem of route X is 50

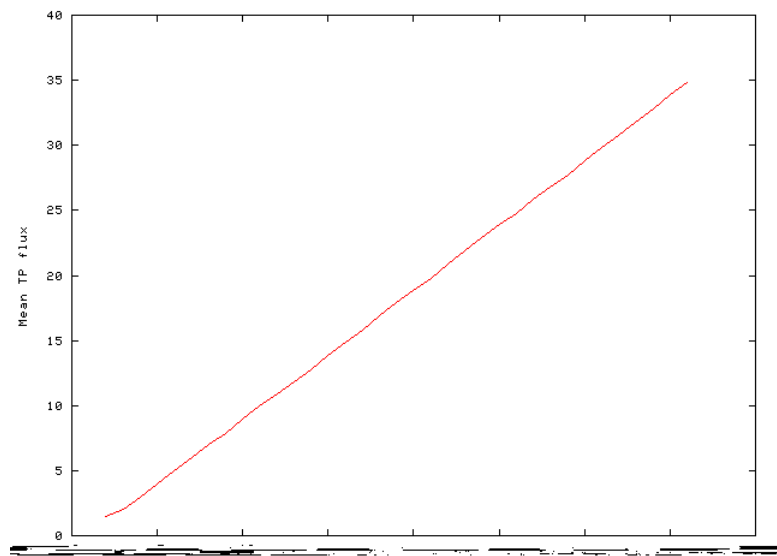
As an example, consider the following infinite loop that can happen without the use of the time ID:

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2. Secondly, since we are considering the reverse (upload) routes too, we have to remove the restriction imposed on the CTP, which has been described in section 8.1. The body of the CTP reflected from the extreme of a segment won't be erased, thus it will contain the old routes too. This is because the old routes can contain interesting information about upload routes. For example, consider this segment:

... *A* *B* *C* *N*

If *N*



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