

Draft for Networking Paper

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I. INTRODUCTION

We aim to find the “robust” route for all possible traffic matrix, not only consider performance but also energy consumption in network.

II. MOTIVATION

Suppose two hosts named host A and host B, and there are three links between them, respectively, capacity with 2M, 3M and 5M. Now demands come, with 1M from A to B. we regard the capacity as the power of the link, and the minimum maximum utilization of network links as a metric of the network performance. There are two directions for operating this example. One consider the min power consumption except for the utilization, it is obviously that we should close the larger power consuming links, such as the 5M and 3M links, and all the traffic go through the 2M link. In this way, the min max utilization of network is 0.5 and the power consuming is 2 units (means the power difference come from the link mainly). The other consider the power except for the utilization reversely, so we should split the 1M traffic to three parts, 0.2M across 2M link, 0.3M across 3M link and 0.5M across 5M, consequently with a min max utilization of 0.1, but the power is 10 units however.

Two directions mentioned above both are extremely single-consideration. Previous researchers solve the problem more considerable, include “GreenTE” and “a%-green is enough”. The former set a threshold of min max utilization, close links as many as possible to achieve the most power saving. And the latter one set a destination of the power saving, calculate optimal route for get the min max utilization. Two work have their restriction, which both need a specific traffic matrix that as base of their optimization.

But the need of precise current traffic matrix should be carefully checked. Although some researcher contribute to this area, the real precise traffic matrix still be a challenge. Take a step back, the dynamic of traffic matrix is more difficult even if we obtain the precise current one. Furthermore, ISP will not want to change their route policy frequently, as it will result in other route failure possibly. So our question is that : Is there exist a route both satisfy power and utilization requirement for any traffic matrix given?

David Applegate propose a method for obtain a route which is “robust” to variations in demands for a specific network topology.

III. MODEL

We model the network as a undirected graph $G = (V, E)$, where V is the set of vertices (i.e., routers and end hosts), and E is the set of links (either link between routers or router and end-host). In graph G , two vertices u and v are called connected if G contains a path from u to v . Then We say graph G is connected, if and only if every pair of vertices in the graph is connected.

Let $\theta(G) = \{(V, E - \{e\}) | e \in E\}$ denote the network set after closing/removing the link e from G . Then, choosing the connected graph from $\theta(G)$ to consist a new set, denoted by $\Theta(G) = \{G | G \in \theta(G) \& \& G \text{ is disconnected}\}$. We call $\Theta(G)$ as successor of G .

A *trafficmatrix* (abbreviation as TM below) is the set of traffic of each Origin-Destination(OD) pair in network G , and a *routing* specifies how traffic of each OD pair is routed across the network. Usually, there are multiple paths for each OD pair and each path routes a fraction of the traffic. Let m denote the *trafficmatrix*, which can be represented by a set of trinary group like (a, b, d_{ab}) , where a and b is the origin and destination of pair respectively, d_{ab} is the traffic demand of the OD pair.

Let r denote the *routing* mentioned above, which is specified by a set of values $f_{ab}(i, j)$ that specifies the fraction of demand from a to b that is routed on the link (i, j) . So an OD pair contribute to the traffic of link (i, j) is $d_{ab}f_{ab}(i, j)$, and all the traffic across link (i, j) can be calculated as :

$$\sum_{(a,b,d_{ab} \in m)} d_{ab}f_{ab}(i, j) \quad (1)$$

Futhermore, we define the utilization of link as traffic across the link divide capacity of the link, as ;

$$u_{ij} = \frac{\sum_{a,b} d_{ab}f_{ab}(i, j)}{cap_{ij}} \quad (2)$$

where cap_{ij} si the capacity of the link (i, j) .

A common metric for the performance of a given routing with respect to a certain TM is the *maximumlinkutilization*. This is the maximum utilization of link over all ones, Formally, the maximum link utilization of a routing r on TM m in network $G(V, E)$ is

$$U_{r,m,G} = \max_{(i,j) \in E} u_{ij} \quad (3)$$

The *optimalrouting* in all the possible route R for network G is a routing which minimize the maximum utilization, the

minimum maximum utilization is called optimal utilization, can be represented by :

$$OptU_{m,G} = \min_{r \in R} U_{r,m,G} \quad (4)$$

The *performanceratio* of a given routing r on a given TM m and a given network G measures how far from being optimal, it is defined as the maximum link utilization divided by optimal utilization on the m and G , as following :

$$P(\{r\}, \{m\}, G) = \frac{U_{r,m,G}}{OptU_{m,G}} \quad (5)$$

We now extend the definition of performance ratio of a routing to be with respect to a set of TMs M .

$$P(\{r\}, M, G) = \max_{m \in M} P(\{r\}, \{m\}, G) \quad (6)$$

Obviously, the optimal routing in routing set R for the set of TMs is a routing which minimize the extended performance ratio, such as :

$$P(R, M, G) = \min_{r \in R} P(\{r\}, M, G) \quad (7)$$

I.E. the routing r which arrive at the value of $P(R, M, G)$ is the most “robust” routing for the TM set M in the network G , and if the M range enough, we say that the “robust” routing is independent of specific TM.

But definition of “robust” above will not work well for next situation. Let us take a cycle network topology C as an simple example, in which we should choose one link to close. Before link cutting, the $P(R, M, C)$ is approximate to 2, but no matter which link is chosen to close, the cycle network will change to a line network L . Obviously, the $P(R, M, L)$ will always equal to 1. It means that there is no difference from removing which link, But the contradiction here is that, the choice for which link should be removed is really different because the links are not always the same with each other, such as their capacity.

The reason for the “fake robust” is that, the routing in the successor graph (i.e. L in above example) become unique, the current routing always be the optimal routing. More generally, we should make a little modification for the *performanceratio* as the network self changes.

Let G be the origin network, and the $G^* \in \Theta(G)$ be the successor network from G after closing/removing some link, we define *performanceratiobetween different graphs* as the performance ratio of successor graph divide the optimal performance ratio of father graph, like :

$$P(R^*, \{m\}, G, G^*) = \min_{r \in R^*} \frac{U_{r,m,G^*}}{OptU_{m,G}} \quad (8)$$

where R^* is the routing set on network G^* .

And question is that how to measure a successor network topology is “robust” enough for the TM set M when pruning is proceeding. We consider the worst situation, namely the successor network topology has its maximum performance ratio when the TM is $m \in M$, described as following :

$$P(R^*, M, G, G^*) = \max_{m \in M} P(R^*, \{m\}, G, G^*) \quad (9)$$

Now we can say that, if a successor network arrive the minimum performance ratio, it is the “robust” successor network graph. Formally, we define the performance ratio as *optimalsuccessorperformanceratio* :

$$P^*(M, G) = \min_{G^* \in \Theta(G)} P(R^*, M, G, G^*) \quad (10)$$

where M is the TM set, and R^* is routing set.

If the scope of M is large enough, the optimal successor network graph is also independent from specific TM.

A. Model Example

We will take an example to explain how to choose the link to close in our experiment. Three hostes include : A, B, C, Three links are with repectively capacity of 3M, 4M and 2M. For simpleness, we suppose there are two TM : $(A, B, 2M), (A, C, 1M), (A, B, 1M), (A, C, 1M)$. For each traffic matrix, the optimal route is obvious, we will trace 2M from A to B across the lower link and trace the 1M from A to C across the upper one for the first traffic matrix, whose maximum link utilization is 0.5. we will trace all the traffic across the lower link for the second traffic matrix, whose maximum link utilization is 0.5 as well.

Now for some reason, we will choose one link to shut down for power saving without lose connection of the network. There are two choice, remove either the upper link or the lower link. Let us take a little calculation: when remove the upper one, we should change all the traffic across the lower link, as a result, in the first TM the maximum link utilization is 0.75 and the second is 0.5; when close the lower link, we should trace all the traffic across the upper link, in the first TM the link utilization is 1 and the other is 0.667. So according to our theory, the $P^*(M, G)$ should be 1.5 and the optimal successor network topology will be the one which 3M link is closed.

IV. CONCLUSION

The conclusion goes here.

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