# A Graph Model for

# the Neighborhood-connection in the Internet of Things

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# 사물인터넷에서 이웃-연결 그래프 모델

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### **Abstraction**

The neighborhood-connection in the Internet of Things is described. One of problems of the internet of things is about an inactivation of some components. This paper presents a graph model formally for the neighborhood-connection for the internet of things. Also, this shows that although there are inactive components in the internet of things, the internet of things can well-operate through neighborhood-connection technique entirely.

#### 1. Introduction

The neighborhood-connection in the Internet of Things(IoT) has been described by Ryu and Kim[1-3].

The most researches are about detecting, modeling reliability and measuring probability for each fault component in the internet of things[4].

This paper shows that although there are inactive components in the internet of things, the internet of things can well-operate entirely through neighborhood-connection technology. This neighborhood-connection technique is applicable to detecting and connecting proper neighbor components through context-aware of *IoT*.

### 2. The Graph Model for the Internet of Things

In the internet of things, every component has connection with other components. Thus, the internet of things is represented by a graph[1, 2], which is called a component graph.

A component graph, G, is a graph. Nodes and edges of the component graph are represented as components and connections among components. G is a relationship component graph if edges of G have the relationship among components. G is a typed component graph if the number

typ(i) is for every component c(i) of G. The number typ(i) is a component type of c(i).

The Fig. 1 shows an example of general component graph with *Co-location component relationship*, *Co-work component relationship*, *Ownership component relationship* and *Social component relationship*. In the Fig. 2, rectangle boxes(1, 2, 3,...) mean typed components(devices) and circles(A, B, C,...) mean component(human), and connections mean relationships.

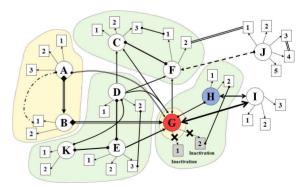


Fig. 1. General component graphs using graphs, GG

A component is an *activation*, *Act*, if a certain component of the internet of things is in an execution state. *Act* is isomorphic to a sub-graph of *IoT*. It means that there is a one-to-one mapping from components of *Act* into components

of IoT. Also, IoT contains Act.

This means that the *Act* is activating on all components in the internet of things.

A k-inactivation, Ina, in IoT is an inactivation of components with the number of k in IoT. All edges connected to these components can not be used.  $IoT^{lna}$  denotes this graph with k-inactivation. The inactivation contains fault, un-link or unresponsive components in IoT.

The *IoT* is *k*-neighborhood-connection(*k*-NC) for an activation  $\{Act(1), Act(2), \dots, Act(n)\}$ , if Act(i) activates by  $IoT^{lna}$  for every *k*-inactivation in *IoT*, when  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ .

If IoT is k-NC for Act, then IoT is j-NC for Act with all j, where j=0, 2,...., k. In the graph GG of Fig. 2, the component G possesses two inactive devices. This component graph GG for IoT is 2-NC. Although the inactivation  $Ina=\{c(1), c(2)\}$  for two devices of c(G) is present, this component graph GG can activate by  $GG^{Ina}$ .

The  $IoT_k$  is an extension of  $IoT_0$  by detection of neighborhood related components and connections. Therefore,  $IoT_k$  is called an *optimal k-NC* of  $IoT_0$ .

### 3. Neighborhood-connection IoT with Optimal k-NC

In this section, optimal k-NC of the closeness tree of the internet of things is explained. The neighborhood-connection IoT is viewed as a tree[1]. The internet of things is composed as trees of different structures, and every level means different closeness. To compute simply optimal k-NC of IoT, the closeness tree uses two parameters. They are out-degree(d) of every component and level number(L).

The *closeness tree CTree* is the tree to be generated as detecting and connecting close-neighborhood components. The following algorithm computes an *optimal k-NC* of *CTree*.

Algorithm Computation of an optimal k-NC of CTree

- 1. Define a component set  $C(L)=\{c(0), c(1),..., c(k)\}$  for each level l where  $0 \le l \le L-1$ . Also, define a type set  $TYP(i)=\{typ(0), typ(1),..., typ(m)\}$  for each component in each level l where  $0 \le l \le L-1$ .
- 2. *call* inactivation detection(C(L), TYP(i), CTree).
- 3. For any i  $(0 \le i \le k)$ , **if**  $c(i) \in IoT^{lna}$ , **call**  $neighborhood\_connection(C(L), TYP(i), CTree, G)$ . G is the component graph.

### End-Algorithm

This algorithm can connect to all components and activate the internet of things, although the internet of things is some  $c(i) \subseteq IoT^{lna}$  for i=1, 2,..., k. This is *optimal k-NC* of *CTree*.

When d=1, the it is clear. And for  $d \ge 2$ , two adjacent levels contain components C(L) and C(L+t), t=0, 2,...., m-1, respectively. From any components set C(L), if inactive components  $c(i) \in IoT^{lna}$  in  $c(i) \in C(L)$  is detected, any components  $c(i) \in C(L)$  can not connect to  $c(i) \in C(L+1)$  for i=1, 2,...., k between levels L and L+1.

### 4. Conclusions

The approach to the *k-neighborhood-connection* model in this paper is the component graphs to represent the internet of things and an activation. Also, there is an analysis of neighborhood-connection for inactive components of the internet of things.

However, this paper does not consider computing performance or time. Generally, it can be reconfigurable for an inactivation of the internet of things.

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