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NS2 Project Report

MAC-Address: Wireless 802.11(static) and Wireless 802.15.4(static)

Routing Protocol: DSDV

Agent type : TCP

Application: FTP

Flow: Random source destination

Modification in C++ code:

In my modification, I modified the congestion control algorithm

of "Old Reno". In my modification, I changed the slow start

phase, congestion avoidance phase and fast recovery phase such

that the variation of congestion window size in minimized.

So to achieve this, I changed tcp.cc, tcp.h and tcpreno.cc.

In my modification,

In the slow start phase, the congestion window is allowed to increase exponentially until the first packet drop is detected. When the first packet drop is detected, I stored the value of **cwnd** at that time as the maximum allowable congestion window size(**max_allowed_cwnd**) as well as I changed the current window size to the **three fourth** of **max_allowed_cwnd**.

```
269 bool dupacks_occurs;
270 bool timeout_occurs;
271 bool first_packet_dropped;
272 double max_allowed_cwnd;
273
```

Figure 1:adding some variables in "tcp.h"

```
TcpAgent::TcpAgent()

: Agent(PT_TCP),

t_seqno_(0), dupacks_(0), curseq_(0), highest_ack_(0),

cwnd_(0), ssthresh_(0), maxseq_(0), count_(0),

rtt_active_(0), rtt_seq_(-1), rtt_ts_(0.0),

lastreset_(0.0), closed_(0),

dupacks_occurs(false),timeout_occurs(false),

first_packet_dropped(false),max_allowed_cwnd(0), t_rtt_(0), t_srtt_(0), t_rttvar

t_backoff_(0), ts_peer_(0), ts_echo_(0), tss(NULL), tss_size_(100),

rtx_timer_(this), delsnd_timer_(this), burstsnd_timer_(this),

first_decrease_(1), fcnt_(0), nrexmit_(0), restart_bugfix_(1),

cong_action_(0), ecn_burst_(0), ecn_backoff_(0), ect_(0),

use_rtt_(0), qs_requested_(0), qs_approved_(0),

qs_window_(0), qs_cwnd_(0), frto_(0)
```

Figure 2:Initalizing those variables in "tcp.cc"

```
1120 | */
1121 | void TcpAgent::opencwnd()
1122 | double increment;
1124 | if (!first_packet_dropped) {
1125 | /* slow-start (exponential) */
1126 | cwnd_ += 1;
```

Figure 3:cwnd_ is increasing exponentially until first packet loss detected

After detecting the very first packet drop "slow start phase" stops permanently and "congestion avoidance phase" starts. From this point the congestion window size is allowed to increase linearly until it reach to the max_allowed_cwnd or a packet drop detected. Whenever the current window size(cwnd_) reach the max_allowed_cwnd or packet drop is detected, the current window size is reduced to the three-fourth of max_allowed_cwnd again.

```
last cwnd action = CWND ACTION DUPACK;
212
         //printf("Packet Drop detected due to dupack\n");
213
         //slowdown(CLOSE SSTHRESH HALF|CLOSE CWND HALF);
214
         //dupacks occurs=true;
215
         //timeout occurs=false;
216
         if(first packet dropped == false)
217
218
                 first packet dropped = true;
219
                 max allowed cwnd = (double)cwnd ;
220
221
222
         slowdown();
223
```

Figure 4:when a packet loss is detected via "duplicate acknowledgement", the function "dupack()" is called in tcp.cc.Reducing the "cwnd_" at this point

```
1138
              case 1:
                  /* This is the standard algorithm. */
1139
                  increment = increase num / cwnd ;
1140
                  if ((last_cwnd_action_ == 0 ||
1141
                    last_cwnd_action_ == CWND_ACTION_TIMEOUT)
1142
                    && max ssthresh > 0) {
1143
                      increment = limited slow start(cwnd ,
1144
                        max ssthresh , increment);
1145
1146
1147
                  cwnd += increment;
1148
                  if((double)cwnd >= max allowed cwnd)
1149
                      slowdown();
1150
```

Figure 5:in When the "cwnd_" reaches "max_allowed_cwnd",cwnd_ is reduced

Figure 6:overloading "slowdown()" function in "tcp.cc"

```
++nrexmit_;
  last_cwnd_action_ = CWND_ACTION_TIMEOUT;
  //slowdown(CLOSE_SSTHRESH_HALF|CLOSE_CWND_RESTART);
  // printf("Packet drop detected due to timeout\n");
  // dupacks_occurs=false;
  //timeout_occurs=true;
  if(first_packet_dropped == false)
  {
    first_packet_dropped = true;
    max_allowed_cwnd = (double)cwnd_;
  }
  slowdown();
```

Figure 7:when a packet loss is detected via "Retransmission timeout", the function "timeout()" is called in tcp.cc.Reducing the "cwnd" at this point

In this way,I limited the variation of the "cwnd_" in between max_allowed_cwnd and three-fourth of max_allowed_cwnd.

Impact of My Modification:

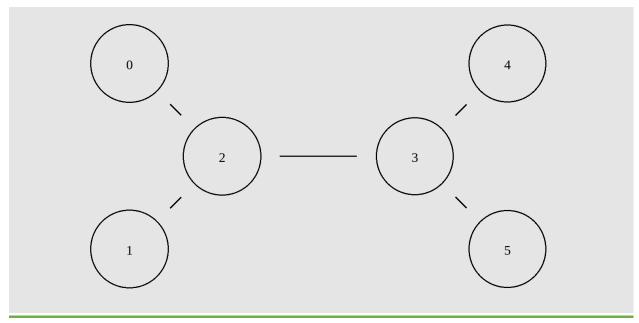
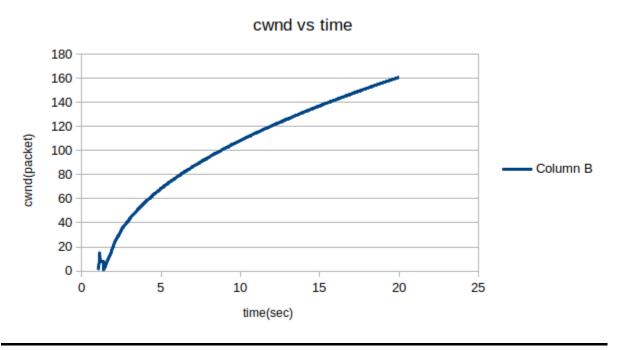
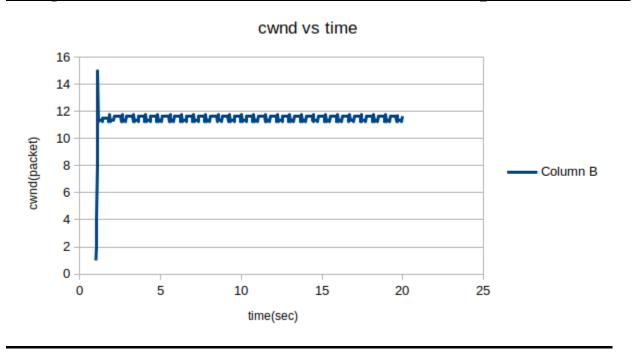


Figure:Paper Suggested topology

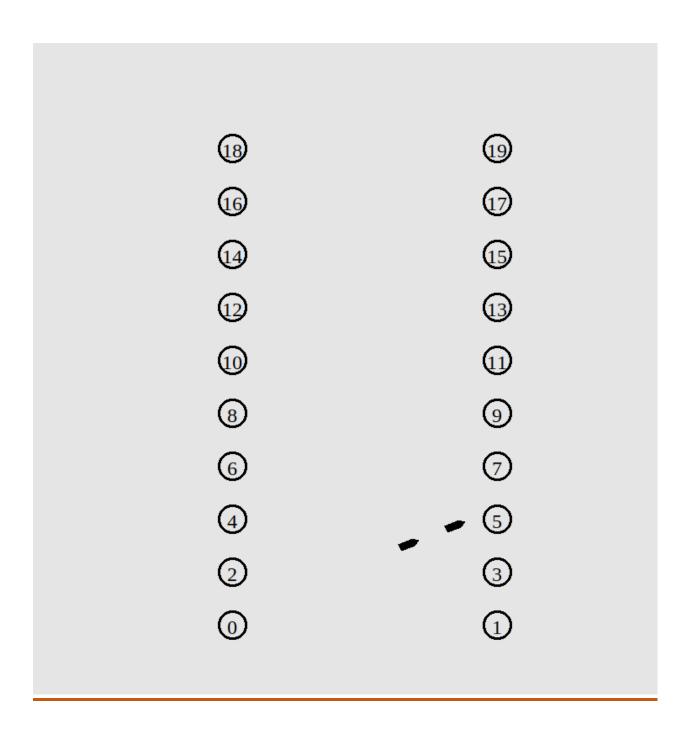
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Congestion window vs time(Modified implementation):

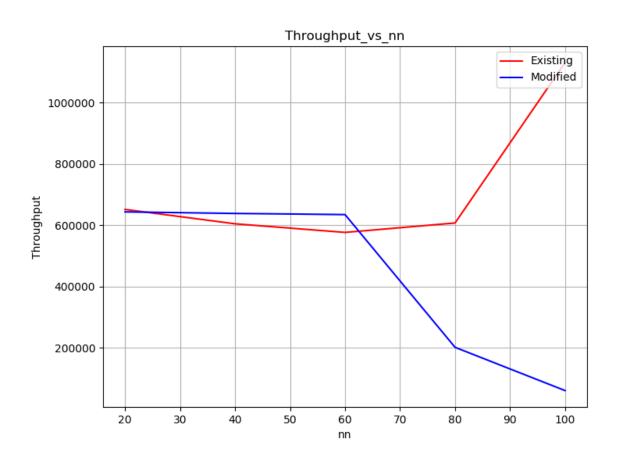


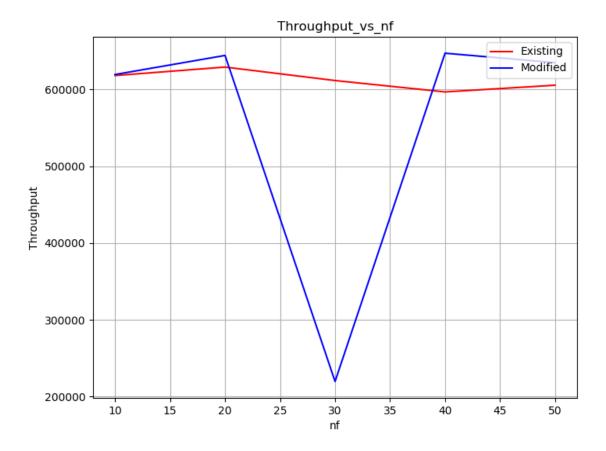
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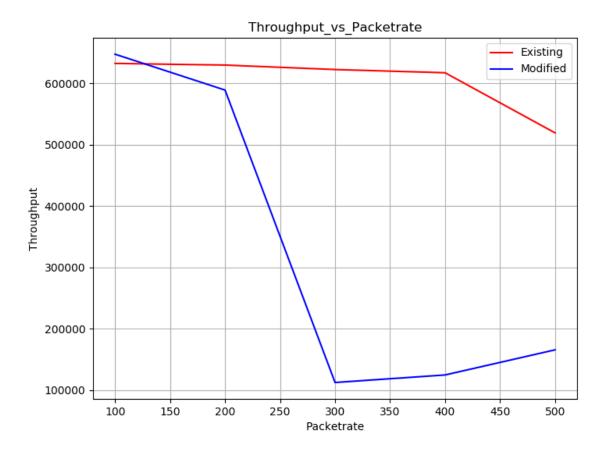


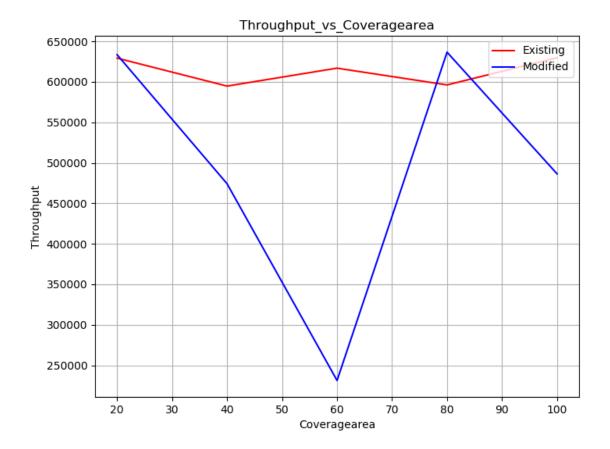
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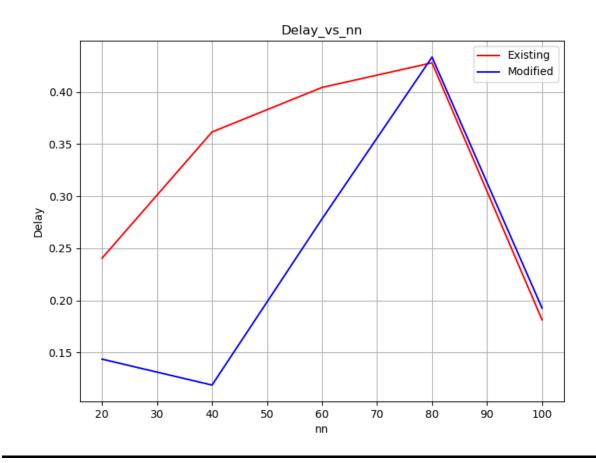


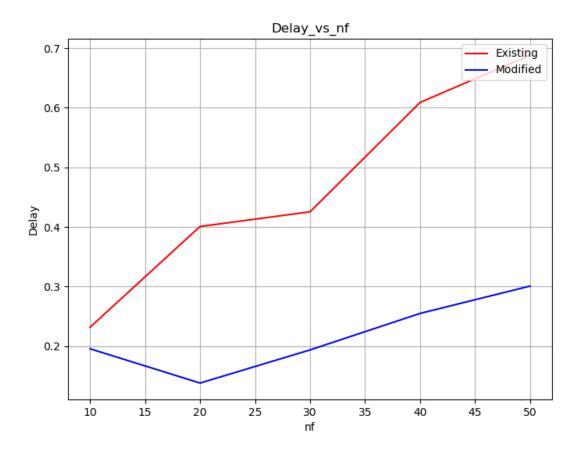


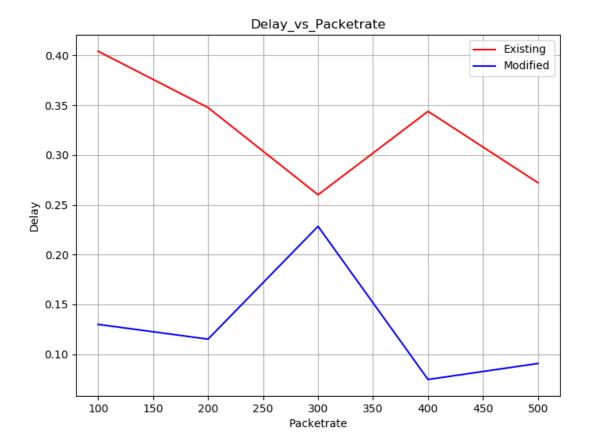


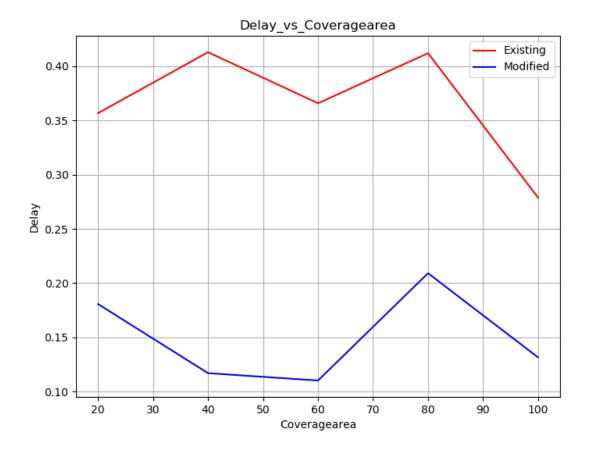


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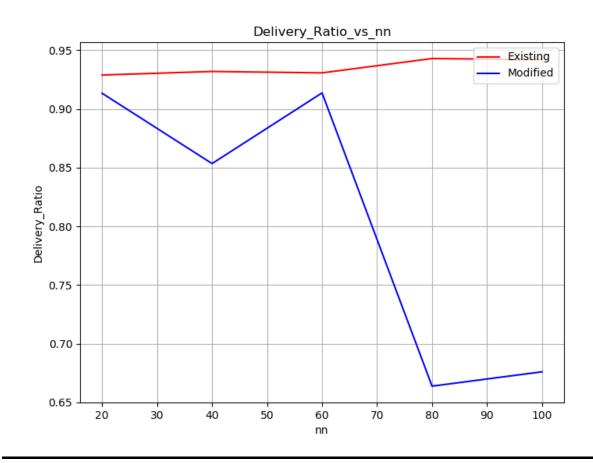


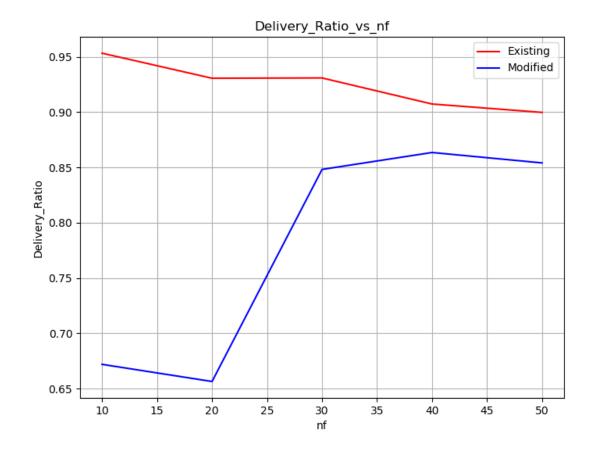






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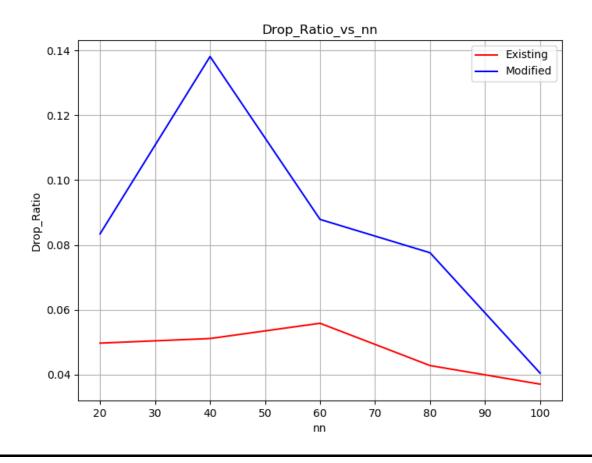


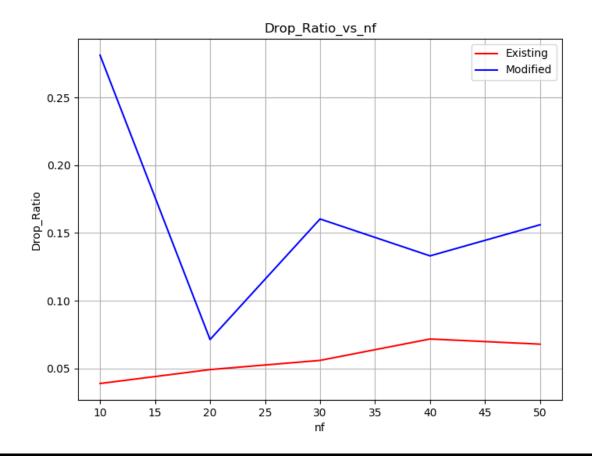


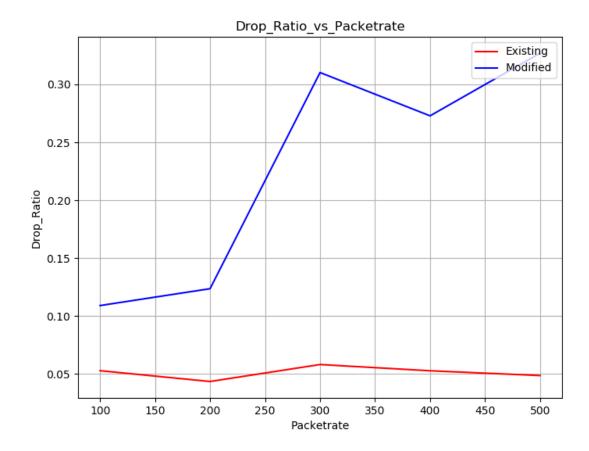


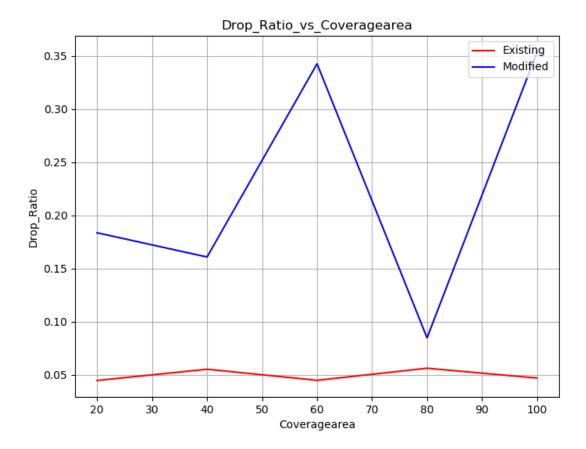


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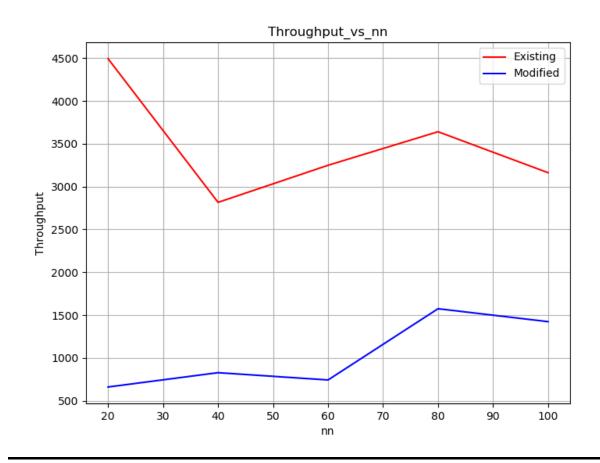


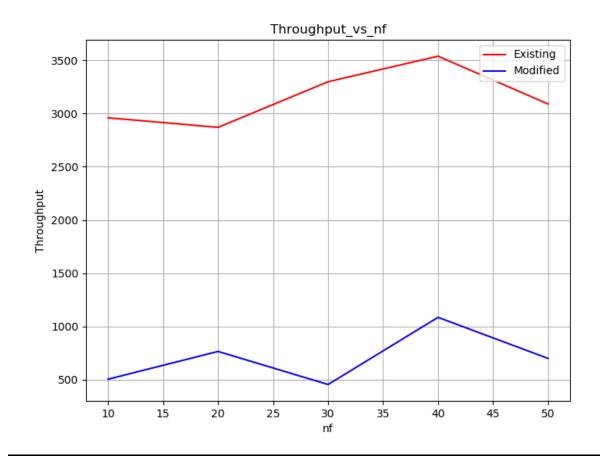


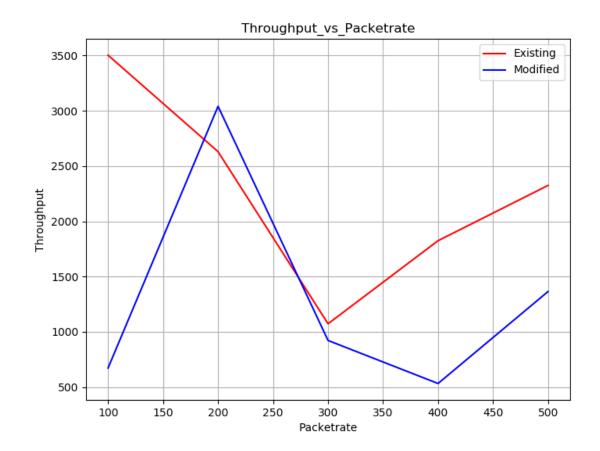


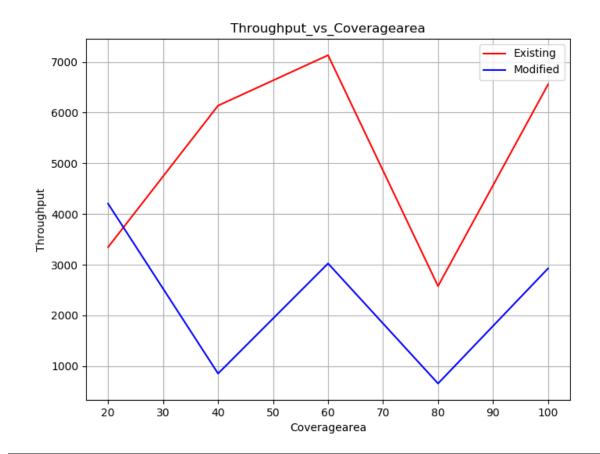
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Throughput:

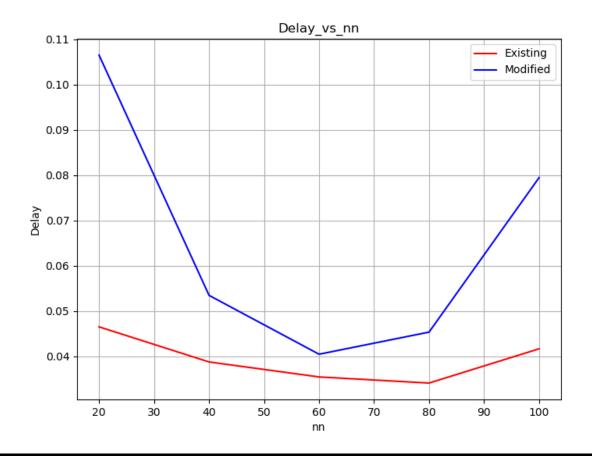


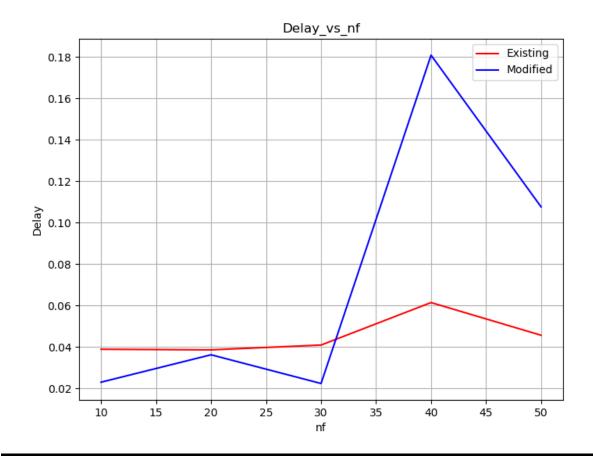


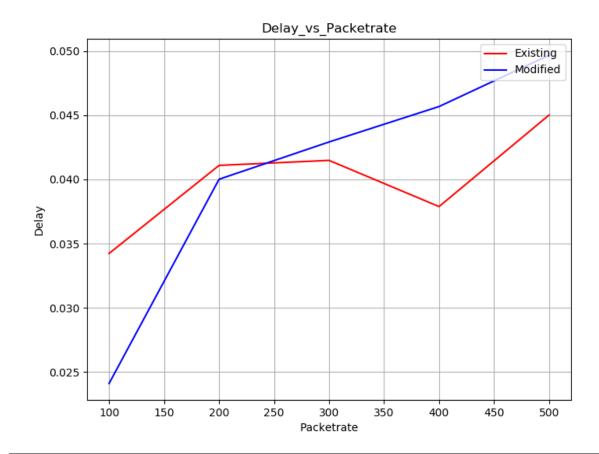


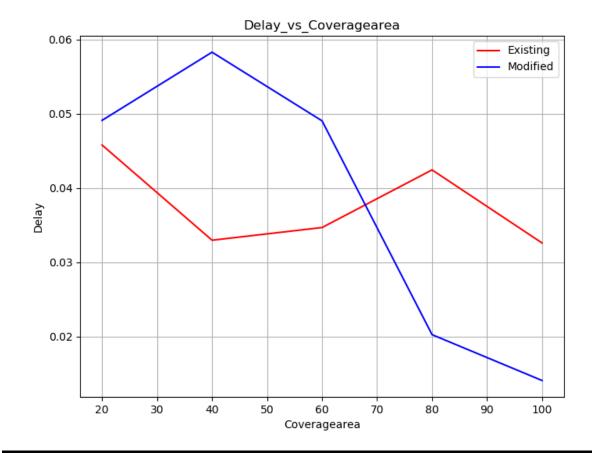


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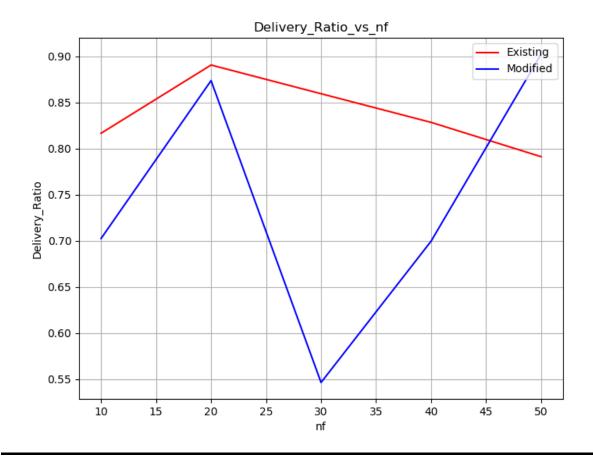


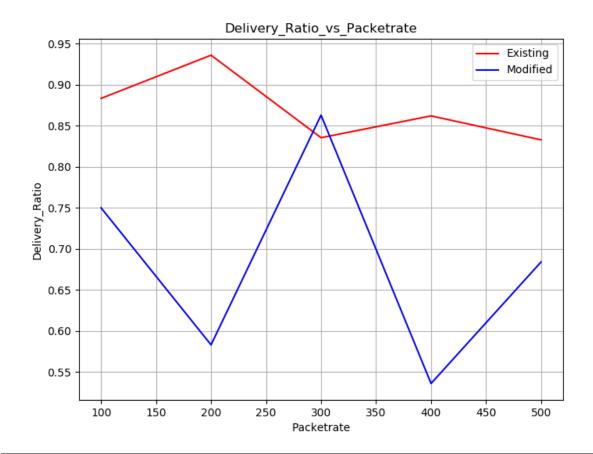




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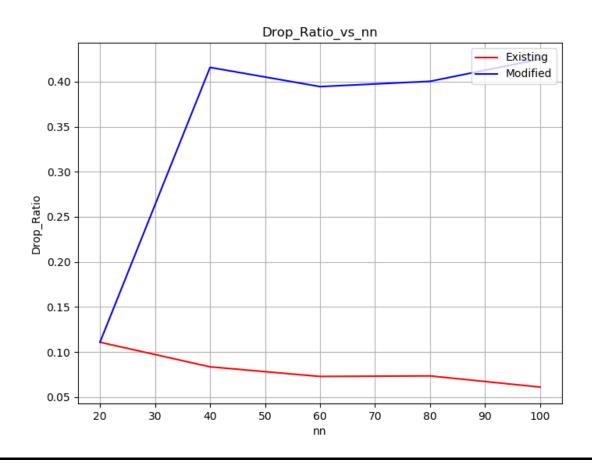


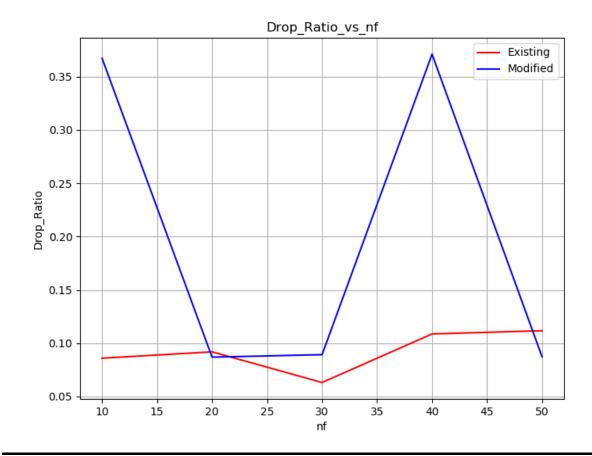


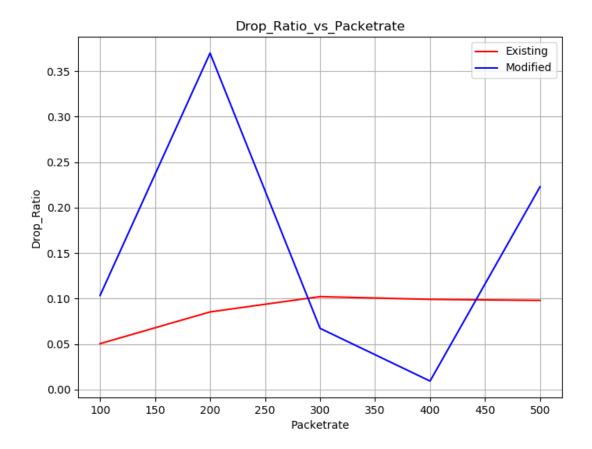


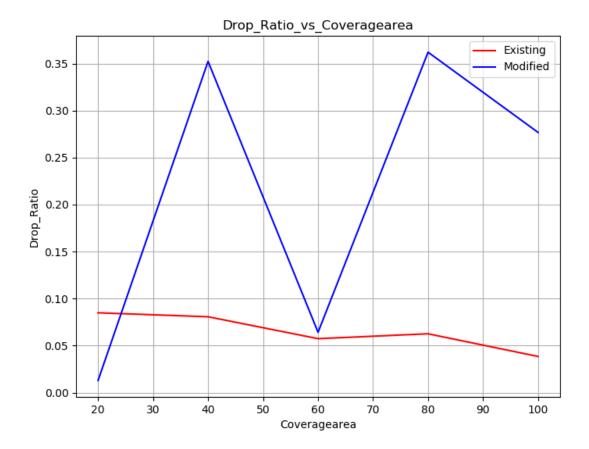


Drop Ratio:









Summary:

In my modification,I wanted to stabilize the variation of congestion window size(cwnd) around a certain value.Because I thought stabilizing the congestion window size will improve the average throughput.But unfortunately this did not work.To stabilize the variation of congestion window I limited the increment of congestion window size to a certain value(the value of cwnd when very first packet drop was detected).

That's why on average more packet drops are occurred due to limited window size. That's why from the above figures we can observe that modified implementation has lower throughput, delivery ratio and higher drop ratio on average.