

A note on load-balancing on Multiple-APs

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-One AP

-One type

-set of flows $A(t)$ arriving at system at each time slot and i.i.d(independent identically distributed) with mean λ and $|A(t)| \leq A_{max} \forall t \geq 0$

-size of flow j at time t is denoted as $F_j(t)$ follows any distribution :

$\Pr\{C_j(t) = C_k\} = P_k, k=1,2,\dots,k.$

where $0 \leq c_1 \leq c_2 \leq c_k = c_{max}$

- $R_i(t)$:# of residual packets of flow i at time t .

- $N(t)$:the set of flows at time t .

($|N(t)|$):cardinality of set $N(t)$, which denotes # of flows at time t

-We consider the policies under which the system evolves as a Markov Chain. We call the system stable if the underlying Markov Chain is positive recurrent.(the stability definition is quite stable. For simplicity, you can interpret it as the boundness of average # of flow in the system)

-under the stability definition, one can show that the stability region is

$$\lambda \cdot \mathbb{E} \left[\left\lceil \frac{F}{C_{max}} \right\rceil \right] \leq 1,$$

where $\lceil x \rceil$ is the minimum integer that is greater than x .

-A scheduler is throughput-optimal if it achieves the network stability definition stability for any traffic that is strictly inside the capacity region(i.e. $\exists \varepsilon > 0$

$$s.t. \lambda \cdot \mathbb{E} \left[\left\lceil \frac{F}{C_{max}} \right\rceil \right] + \varepsilon \leq 1)$$

-Goal: develop an algorithm that achieves maximum throughput

-Algorithm : At each time t , maximum channel among all flows ($C_i[t] = \max_{j \in N(t)} C_j(t)$)

or $C_i[t] \geq R_i(t)$

-Proportion:the proposed algorithm is throughput-optimal.

Proof:

$$\text{Let } W(t) = \sum_{j \in N(t)} \left\lceil \frac{R_j(t)}{C_{max}} \right\rceil \text{ be the workload at time } t. \quad A = \sum_{j \in N(t)} \left\lceil \frac{F_j(t)}{C_{max}} \right\rceil$$

amount of new workload injected to the system at time t .

$$(\mathbb{E}[A(t)] = \lambda \cdot \mathbb{E} \left[\left\lceil \frac{F}{C_{max}} \right\rceil \right])$$

$\mu(t)$:amount of workload decreasing at time t .

($\mu(t) = 1$ if the workload of flows decreases by one and $\mu(t) = 0$ otherwise) Then the evolution of flows can be described as

$$W(t+1) = W(t) + A(t) - \mu(t)$$

Choose lyapunov function: $V(t) = W^2(t)$

Then we have $E[V(t+1) - V(t) | X(t)]$

$$= E[W^2(t+1) - W^2(t) | X(t)]$$

$$= E[W(t) + A(t) - \mu(t) - W(t) | X(t)]$$

$$= 2E[W(t)(A(t) - \mu(t) | X(t))] + E[(A(t) - \mu(t))^2 | X(t)]$$

$$\leq 2\lambda IE \left[\left\lceil \frac{F}{C_{max}} \right\rceil \right] W(t) - 2IE[W(t)\mu(t) | X(t)] + B_1$$

(We can show $IE[(A(t) - \mu(t))^2 | X(t)] \leq B_1$ for some $B_1 > 0$)

$$\leq 2(1 - \varepsilon)W(t) - 2IE[W(t)\mu(t) | X(t)] + B_1$$

Note that the probability that at least one flow whose channel rate is C_{max} is $1 - (1 - P_k)^{|N(t)|}$

Hence $E[W(t)\mu(t) | X(t)]$

$$\geq (1 - (1 - P_k)^{|N(t)|})W(t)$$

$$\geq (1 - \varepsilon/2)W(t) - (1 - \varepsilon/2)W(t)$$

$$\{|N(t)| \leq \bar{N}\}$$

$$\geq (1 - \varepsilon/2)W(t) - (1 - \varepsilon/2)\bar{N}IE \left[\left\lceil \frac{F_{max}}{C_{max}} \right\rceil \right]$$

$$= (1 - \varepsilon/2)W(t) - B_2$$

$$\text{where } B_2 \triangleq (1 - \varepsilon/2)\bar{N}IE \left[\left\lceil \frac{F_{max}}{C_{max}} \right\rceil \right] > 0$$

$$\text{Thus } \Delta V(t) \leq 2(1 - \varepsilon)W(t) - 2(1 - \varepsilon/2)W(t) + B_1 + B_2$$

$$= -\varepsilon W(t) + B_1 + B_2$$