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A Multicast Protocol for Mobile Ad Hoc Networks Using Location Information

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Introduction and Motivations

Definition: A *mobile ad hoc network* (MANET) is a collection of mobile nodes without any infrastructure

Mobile node behavior

- Mobile nodes act as *hosts* (running applications) and *routers* (forwarding for others)

MANET architectural properties

- Autonomous nodes
- Multihop routing
- Limited capabilities
- Distributed operation
- Dynamic topology



Introduction and Motivations (cont'd)

MANET routing protocols

- Proactive vs. reactive
- Unicast vs. multicast
- One-to-one: unicasting
- One-to-many: multicasting

Ad hoc networking applications

- Establishing infrastructured networks is impossible or not cost effective
- Temporary networks for urgent situations such as battlefields, earthquake, conferencing, etc.



Introduction and Motivations (cont'd)

Why multicast routing protocols?

- Same message sent to a group of mobile nodes
- Group communication in military applications

Our objective

- Develop a multicast protocol for MANETs
- Minimize routing overhead

Tools

- Location information (GPS-enabled mobile nodes)
- Voronoi diagrams structural properties



Background

Voronoi diagram

- Geometrical construct defined by a discrete set of sites (points) $S = \{s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_n\}$ in the plane
- *Nearest-neighbor rule*: each point is assigned with the closest region of the plane to it
- $B(s_i, s_j) = \{p \in \mathbb{A}^2 \mid d(s_i, p) = d(s_j, p) : s_i, s_j \in S\}$: bisector of s_i and s_j in S , where d : *Euclidean distance function*



Background (cont'd)

- $HP(s_i, s_j) = \{p \in \hat{A}^2 \mid d(s_i, p) < d(s_j, p) : s_i, s_j \in \hat{S}\}$
- $HP(s_j, s_i) = \{p \in \hat{A}^2 \mid d(s_j, p) < d(s_i, p) : s_i, s_j \in \hat{S}\}$
- $VR(s_i, S) = \bigcup HP(s_i, s_j)$: *Voronoi region* of s_i
- **Boundary of a Voronoi region: *Voronoi edges***
- **Endpoints of a Voronoi edge: *Voronoi vertices***



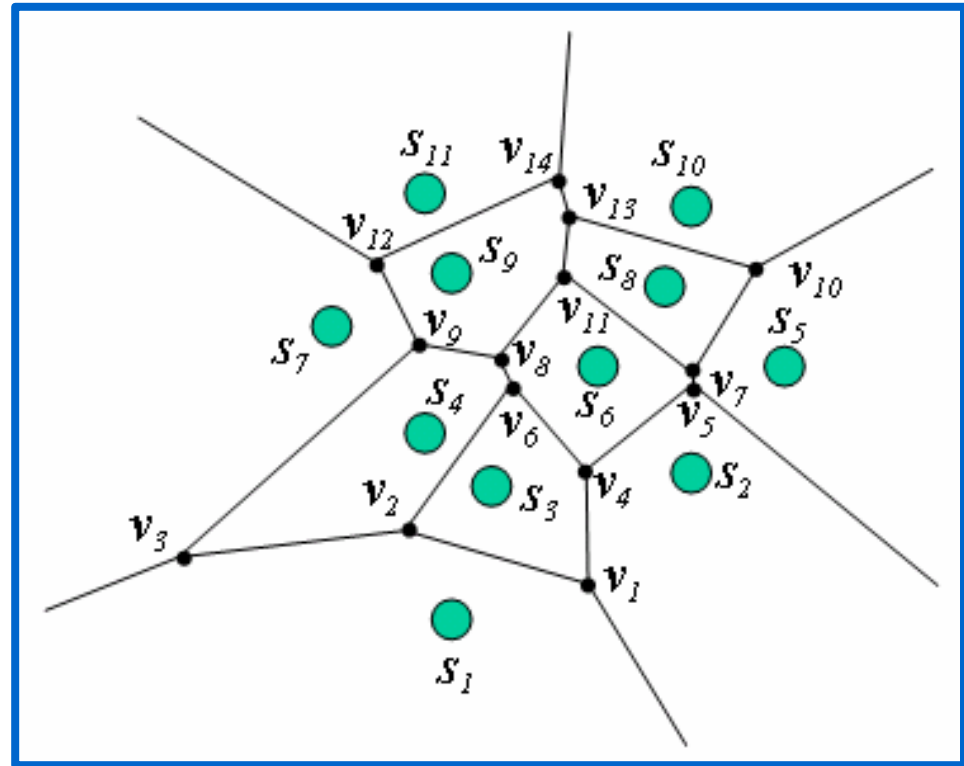
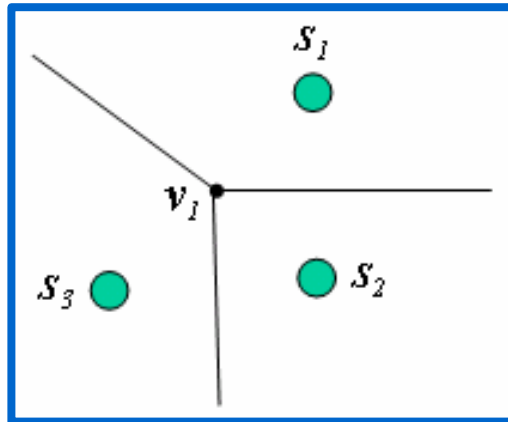
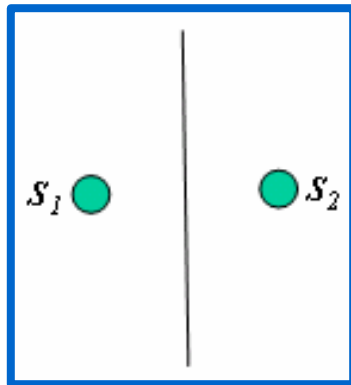
Background (cont'd)

- The boundary of a region has at most $n-1$ Voronoi edges
- Voronoi regions constitute a polygonal partition of the plane: *Voronoi diagram* $V(S)$
- $V(S) = \hat{E} VR(s_i, S)$: *Voronoi diagram* of S



Background (cont'd)

Illustrative Examples





Background (cont'd)

Voronoi Diagram Construction Algorithms

- Straightforward approach – construct one region at a time as the intersection of $n-1$ half-planes \mathcal{P}
 $O(n^2)$ time for one region \mathcal{P} $O(n^3)$ time algorithm
- Divide-and-conquer algorithm \mathcal{P} $O(n \log n)$
- Shamos and Hoey \mathcal{P} $O(n \log n)$ time algorithm



Multicast Protocol Design

MANET modeling

- MANETs can be modeled using Voronoi diagram

Neighboring node set

- $NN(s_i)$: neighboring node set of s_i is the set of MANET nodes within the transmission range of s_i

Assumptions

- GPS: location information to MANET nodes



Multicast Protocol Design (cont'd)

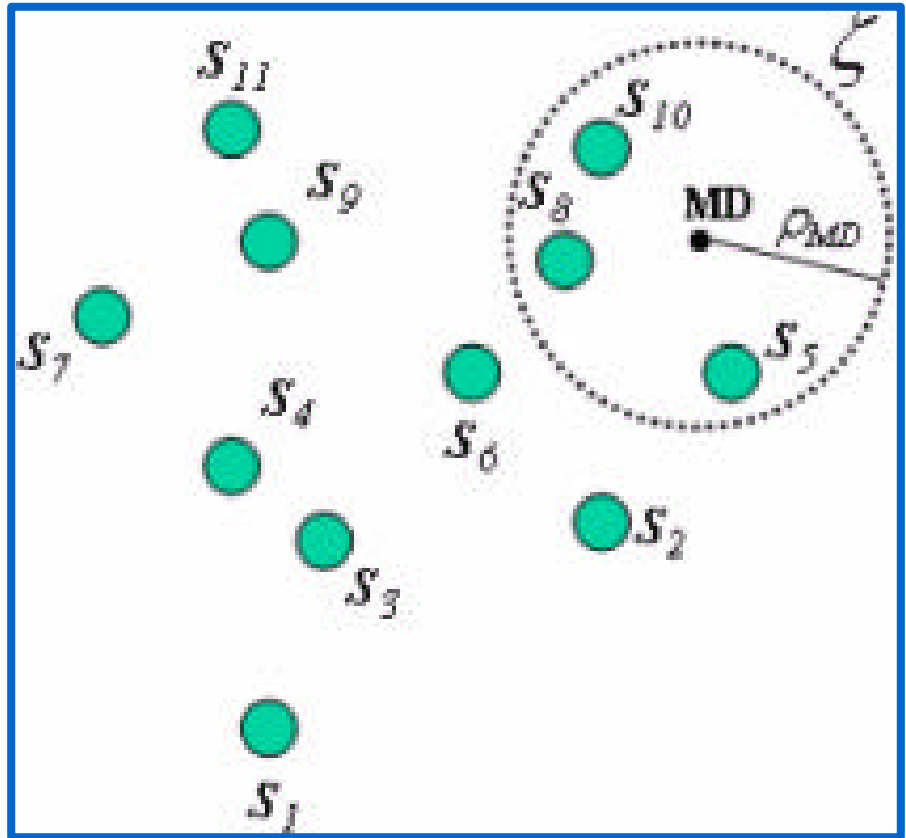
- MANET node s_i broadcasts its location information when joining MANET
- When changing its location, a MANET node might have to broadcast its location information
 \mathcal{P} decision based on its new location and current distances to its neighboring nodes
- Neighboring nodes reply back with their location information with *time-to-live* = 1



Multicast Protocol Design (cont'd)

Multicast domain

- Planar region
- $Z = (\text{MD}, r_{\text{MD}})$, where $\text{MD} = (x_{\text{MD}}, y_{\text{MD}})$
- Membership to the multicast group
 $d(s_i, \text{MD}) \leq r_{\text{MD}}$
- $\{s_5, s_8, s_{10}\}$: multicast group wrt to s_1

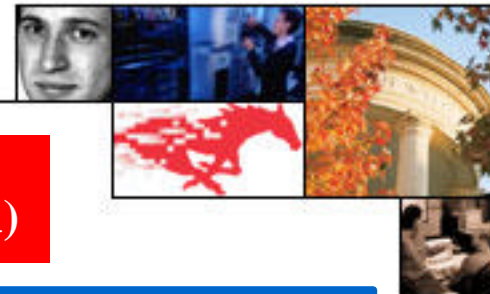




Multicast Protocol Design (cont'd)

Authorized Forwarders

- MANET node $s_a \in NN(s_s)$ is an *authorized forwarder* of a multicast packet broadcast by s_s if s_a 's Voronoi region share at least one Voronoi edge with that of MD in s_s 's localized Voronoi diagram VG_{s_s} wrt to $NN(s_s) \cup \{s_s\} \cup \{MD\}$
- s_a constructs its localized Voronoi diagram wrt to $NN(s_a) \cup \{s_a\} \cup \{MD\} \setminus (AF(s_{cs}) \cup \{s_{cs}\})$



Multicast Protocol Design (cont'd)

Algorithm

Algorithm: Multicast distribution Protocol

Begin

// when a source node s_s sends a packet MP to a
// multicast group MG whose multicast
// domain is $\zeta = (MD, \rho_{MD})$

1. Compute the Voronoi graph VG_{s_s}
2. Find a subset of authorized forwarders AF
3. Append s_s 's address and location, and AF , and current time τ to MP
4. Broadcast MP to $NN(s_s)$

// When an intermediate node s_i gets MP

5. if s_i is a member of MG then
 get MP and broadcast it to $NN(s_i)$
6. else if s_i is a member of AF then
7. Compute the Voronoi graph VG_{s_i}
8. Identify a new subset of authorized forwarders AF'
9. Append s_i 's address and location, and overwrite AF with AF'
10. Broadcast the new MP to $NN(s_i)$
11. else if $s_i \in \zeta$ at time τ then
12. consume MP
13. else drop MP
14. endif
15. endif
16. endif

end

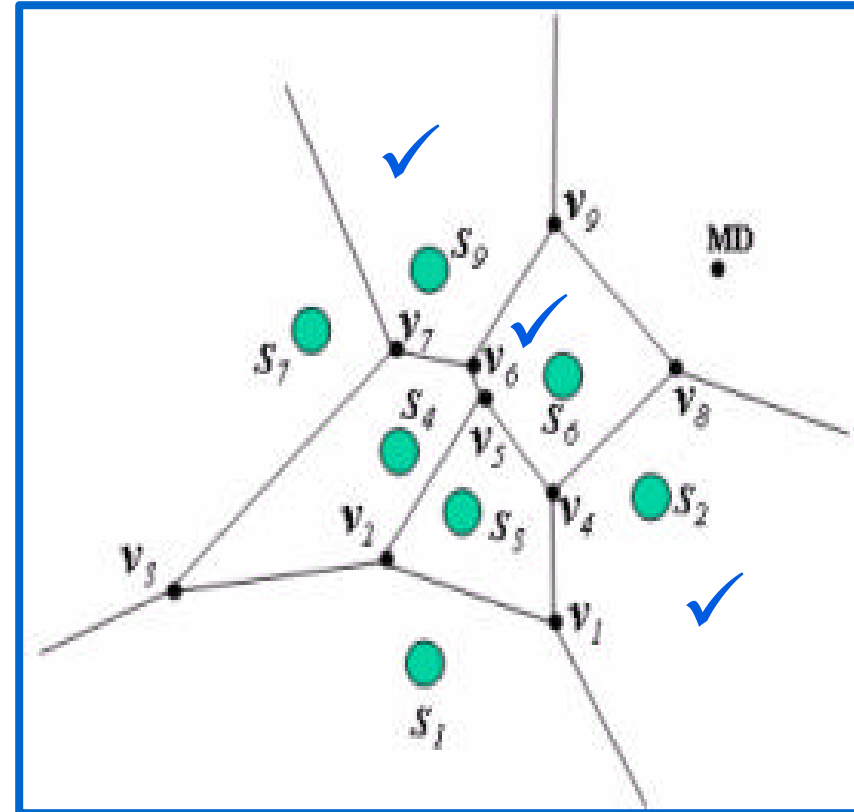


Illustrative Example

- Assume s_1 wants to send a multicast packet to

$$z = (\text{MD}, r_{\text{MD}})$$

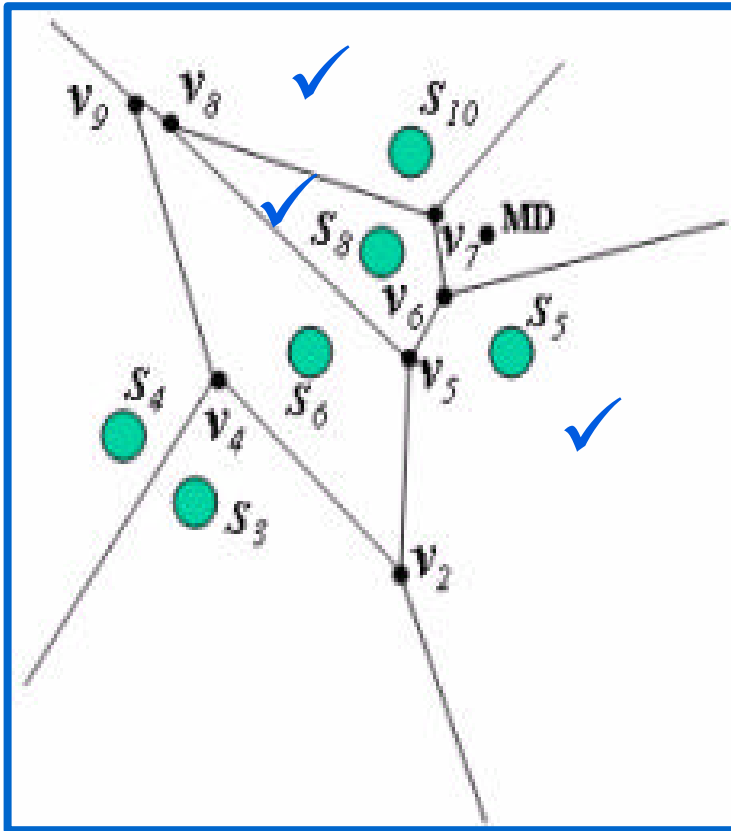
- $NN(s_1) = \{s_2, s_3, s_4, s_6, s_7, s_9\}$
 $NN(s_2) = \{s_1, s_3, s_5, s_6, s_8\}$
 $NN(s_6) = \{s_1, s_2, s_3, s_5, s_8, s_9, s_{10}\}$
 $NN(s_9) = \{s_1, s_3, s_4, s_6, s_7, s_8, s_{11}\}$



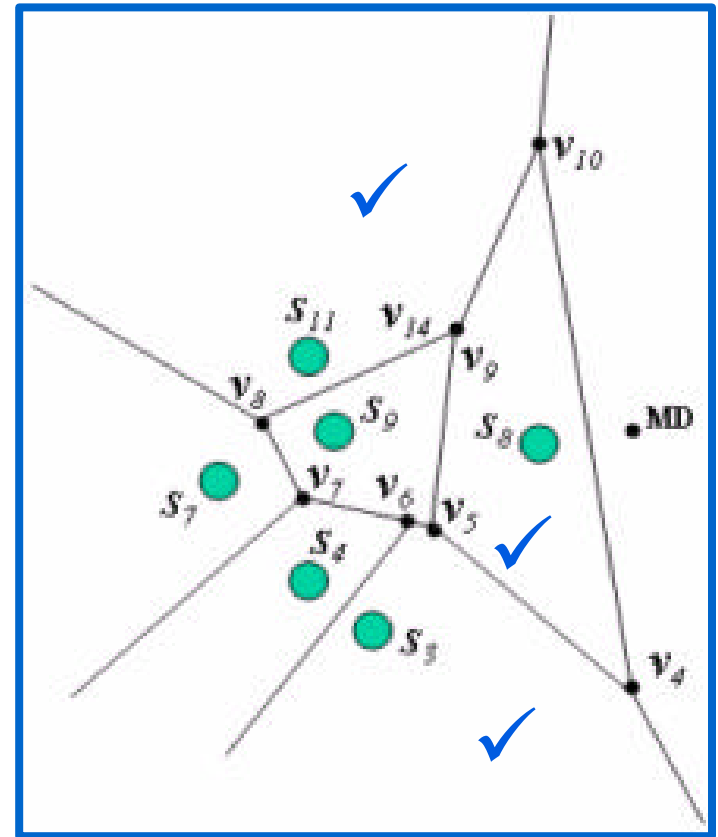
VG_{s_1}



Illustrative Example (cont'd)



VG_{s_6}

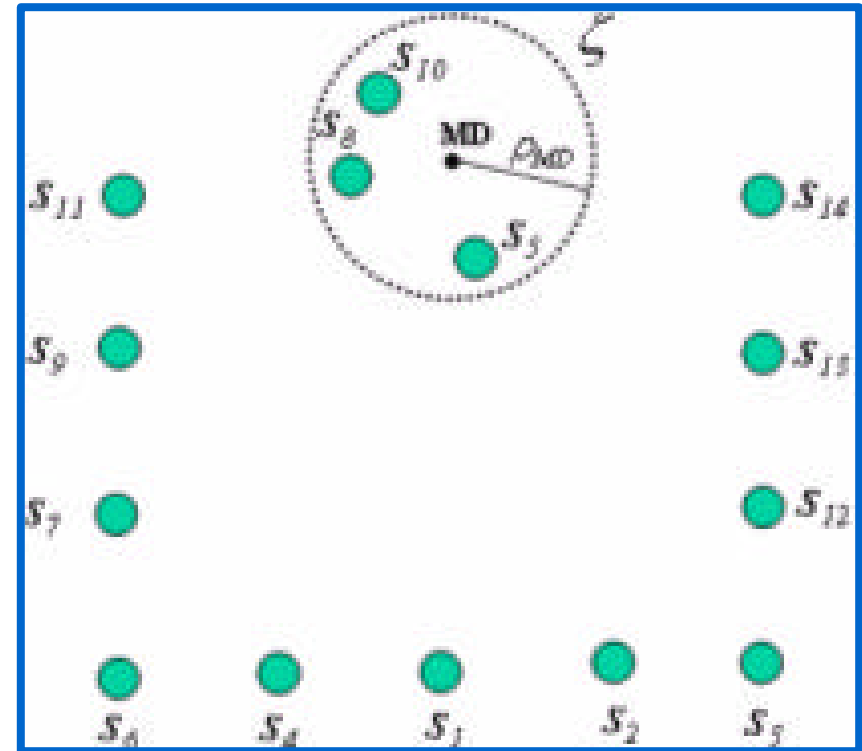


VG_{s_9}



Illustrative Example (cont'd)

- Location-based multicast (geocasting) provided by Y. Ko and N. Vaidya: efficient geographical multicast protocol for MANETs
- Their algorithm is based on location and distances between mobile nodes
- It fails in case of blank space between source and multicast domain



Blank space between source and multicast domain



Summary and Perspectives

- **Multicast protocol for mobile ad hoc networks**
- **Location information and structural properties of Voronoi diagrams (authorized forwarders to reduce the routing overhead)**
- **Mathematical analysis of the proposed protocol**
- **Simulation of the proposed protocol using different mobility models (RWP, RPGM)**
- **Using this protocol in the integration of the MANETs and the global Internet (providing mobile services)**



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