Geographic Routing without Planarization

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Greedy Distributed Spanning Tree Routing (GDSTR)

- New geographic routing algorithm
 - **DOES NOT** require planarization
 - uses spanning tree, not planar graph
 - -low maintenance cost
 - better routing performance than existing algorithms



- Background
- Problem
- Approach
- Simulation Results
- Conclusion

- Wireless nodes have x-y coordinates
 - can use virtual coordinates (Rao et al. 2003)
- Nodes know coordinates of immediate neighbors
- Packet destinations specified with x-y coordinates
- In general, forward packets greedily























Back to Greedy Forwarding



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Planarization is Costly!

- Planarization is hard for real networks
 - -GG and RNG don't work
- Planarization is complicated & costly!
 - CLDP (Kim et al., 2005)

Greedy Distributed Spanning Tree Routing (GDSTR)

- Route on a spanning tree
- Use convex hulls to "summarize" the area covered by a subtree
 - convex hulls tells us what points are possibly reachable
 - reduces the subtree that must be traversed (smaller search problem)

















GDSTR Example







Revert to Greedy Forwarding



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Choosing forwarding direction

multiple hull trees

Undeliverable packets

conflict Hulls




"bad" direction.





Pick tree with root closest to the destination

Summary: Routing

- Try greedy forwarding
- Dead end:
 - choose tree
 - record start node
 - traverse subtree
- If possible, revert to greedy forwarding
- Back to start node: packet undeliverable

Theorem

Given a pair of nodes *s* and *t* in connected graph *G*, GDSTR guarantees packet delivery from *s* to *t*.

Building Hull Trees

- Convex hull info in *keepalive* messages
- Choose roots:
 - minimal and maximal x-coordinates
- Want compact trees
 - minimal hop count from root
- Aggregate convex hulls from leaves to root
- Conflict hull info percolates from root to leaves

Simulation Results

- Measured 2 routing metrics:
 - -Path Stretch
 - Hop Stretch
- Topologies
 - range of network densities (average node degree)
 - larger networks up to 5,000 nodes
 - low/high density
 - low/high obstacle density

Simulation Results

- Compare with
 - GPSR (Karp, 2001),
 - GOAFR+ (Kuhn, 2003) and
 - GPVFR (Leong et al., 2005)

under CLDP planarization (Kim et al., 2005)

- Measured costs and compared with CLDP:
 - storage
 - bandwidth





Hop Stretch





Computation: – convex hull computation: O(log n) operations [Graham's scan]

- Storage: < 1 kb
- Bandwidth

Message Sizes







Messages for Stabilization





- Maintenance cost one order of magnitude less than CLDP (face routing)
- Better routing performance (stretch) – up to 20% better





Average Hop Stretch

Small Voids











Explaining Performance



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Summary

- Sparse networks
 - GDSTR chooses correct forwarding direction more often than face routing
- Moderately dense networks
 - Faces are small, forwarding direction is inconsequential
 - Trees do not "approximate" small voids well
- Ultra-dense networks

– Greedy forwarding works all the time!



- Cheaper to maintain two hull trees than a planar graph
- "Global" information allows GDSTR to choose good forwarding direction more often
- GDSTR achieves improved routing stretch at lower maintenance cost than CLDP

Future Work

- Evaluate GDSTR in a practical and mobile setting
- Geographic routing in higher dimensions
 - convex hulls generalizable to higher dimensions

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Reducing Convex Hulls



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Conflict Hulls

- Undeliverable packets will be forwarded to the root.
- Conflict hulls allow us to avoid forwarding to the root
- Key idea: parent nodes tell child nodes about other nodes with intersecting hulls








Example: Conflict Hull



Example: Conflict Hull



Forward to parent ...

Example: Conflict Hull



Packet undeliverable!

Example GDSTR Hull Trees





Minimal-x Tree

Maximal-x Tree

Comparing Routing Topologies





Planar Graph (CLDP)

Two Trees